



Subject:	Increase in Scarlet Fever Notifications 2018
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The Health Protection Team has issued the attached information regarding a recent increase in notifications of scarlet fever to Public Health Wales. Schools and nurseries are being notified as scarlet fever mostly affects children aged under 10 years, and outbreaks can occur in schools and nurseries. Older children are also susceptible to streptococcal sore throats, but may not have the rash of scarlet fever. A sample letter for parents/guardians is included as an appendix.

Please note that exclusion from nursery/school/work is advised for **24 hours** after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment for this highly infectious disease.

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