



St Mary's Primary School

220 Mayogall Road, Portglenone, Co Antrim, BT44 8NN

Tel: 02825821066 Fax: 02825822039

Email: mmeehan763@c2kni.net

Principal: Mr. M Meehan

9th December 2022

Dear Parents

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We have been informed that a number of children who attend our school have been diagnosed with scarlet fever. The Public Health Agency have advised that because of increased rates Group A streptococcus in the community compared to what is usually seen at this time of year, that it is not unexpected that schools and early years settings will see cases.

The Public Health Agency has provided the enclosed information leaflet for parents and guardians. I would encourage to read it as it contains useful information about the scarlet fever and other infections caused by Group A streptococcus.

If your child is unwell, they should not attend school or early years settings.

If your child is diagnosed with scarlet fever they should stay at home and not attend school or early years settings for **at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment**, to avoid spreading the infection.

Further information about scarlet fever is available on the PHA website:

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/scarlet-fever> and <http://pha.site/scarlet-fever-2022> and also on NI Direct <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever>

Your Sincerely

M. Meehan

Mr M. Meehan (*Principal*)