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Dear Parents,

**Be Vigilant Against Scarlet Fever**

According to the information from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), there have been signs of increased scarlet fever activity again in the recent two months after the decrease of the activity since July last year. In Hong Kong, relatively more cases occurred from December to May though this seasonal pattern might not be seen every year. The Centre for Health Protection is expecting more scarlet fever cases in the coming few months.

Scarlet fever is a contagious disease caused by bacteria. Patients usually acquire the infection through either respiratory route or direct contact with infected respiratory secretions. It usually presents as fever, sore throat and rash. The rash appears on the first or second day of illness over trunk and neck. Then it spreads to the limbs especially on axilla, elbow and groin. Typically scarlet fever rash does not involve the face. The rash is characterized by a "sandpaper" texture. It subsides after one week and is followed by skin peeling over palms and soles. Scarlet fever is sometimes complicated with middle ear infection and kidney disease. It can effectively be treated by appropriate antibiotics.

To prevent outbreak of the disease and to protect students' health, the school would like to solicit your co-operation and stay alert. Please also be aware of the following points:

- \* Remind your children to maintain good personal and environmental hygiene;
- \* Remind your children to keep their hands clean and wash hands properly; to wash hands when they are dirtied by respiratory secretions, e.g., after sneezing;
- \* Remind your children to cover their noses and mouth while sneezing or coughing and dispose of nasal and mouth discharge properly;
- \* Take your children home if they have been found sick at school and seek consultation from doctors promptly.
- \* Bring your children to see the doctors promptly if they have fever or develop symptoms of scarlet fever. Keep them at home for rest until they fully recover and also update the school about your children's condition.

For more information, please visit the website of CHP at <http://www.chp.gov.hk>.

Yours sincerely,

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