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Dear Sir/Madam

During the last few months there has been a national rise in cases of scarlet fever, particularly affecting children, and Greater Manchester is also seeing an increase in the number of cases being notified. This letter is to remind you of the action that schools and nurseries can take to reduce spread of infection by excluding children who are infectious.

Any child with a rash and fever should be excluded from school or nursery and advised to see their GP. Children who have been diagnosed with scarlet fever by their doctor can return to school or nursery when they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours.

Guidance on exclusion for a range of infectious diseases can be found at:
http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1194947358374

Yours sincerely

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