



## Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Aberdaugleddau Milford Haven Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see some important information below, as well as confirmation regarding Christmas Concerts.

### **Scarlet Fever:**

As I am sure you have seen over the last week in national news, there has been increase in cases of Scarlet Fever across Wales, which are linked to Strep A cases. **Please note, we currently have no cases that we are aware of in the school, however, there has been one confirmed case on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the Flying Start Provision. The below is for information only and to reassure you we are aware and carrying out the recommended actions for schools.**

Scarlet fever, sometimes called scarlatina, is an infectious disease caused by group A streptococcus (GAS) bacteria (also known as Streptococcus pyogenes). It is highly infectious and can be caught through direct contact with an infected person or through the air via droplets from coughs or sneezes. The characteristic symptom of scarlet fever is a widespread, fine pink-red rash that feels like sandpaper to touch. Other symptoms include a high temperature, a flushed face and a red, swollen tongue. Most cases of scarlet fever cause no complications and treatment is straightforward and usually involves a course of penicillin antibiotics.

I want to reassure you, we continue to keep up the high levels of cleaning and hygiene for pupils that were introduced during the Covid chapter and as you'll see below in the recommended actions from NHS Wales, this is one of the recommended actions for schools to carry out. We have been advised of the following:

### **Schools:**

- Staff should be aware of the possibility of this infection in children who become ill with a fever, sore throat or rash and in cases where staff suspect Scarlet Fever, they are to contact parents to collect and attend local chemist or GP.
- Where there are 2 or more cases of scarlet fever in schools within the same 10-day period, school will notify the Health Protection Team for further guidance.
- Good hand hygiene and avoidance of spread of respiratory secretions (as per influenza- "catch it, bin it, kill it") can help to prevent the spread of infection).

### **Parents/Carers:**

- Parents of unwell children should be advised to seek medical advice for diagnosis and treatment.
- A person with scarlet fever should withdraw from school and remain off until 24 hours after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment.
- Scarlet fever circulating at the same time as chickenpox or influenza can increase the risk of invasive disease, we kindly ask you to inform us if your child is off with any of these illnesses.

### **Christmas Concerts:**

We have been able to secure dates with St Katharine's and St Peter's Church for our Christmas Concerts. There will be two performances on each day. We will transport the children to the Church for the afternoon performance starting at 2pm, the children will then have time between the two performances in the hall to have a snack and break (**no snacks containing nuts please**), before carrying out the second performance at 4pm. We kindly ask that all children stay with us for the two performances, but if this is not possible for your child/ren, please inform us as soon as possible so we can alter plans for the 4pm performance. **The children would need to be collected at approximately 5pm from the Church.** The dates are as follows:

1. Year 3 and 4 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022
2. Year 5 and 6 – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022
3. Reception – Year 2 – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and will cost £1. Please contact your child's class teacher to book tickets. Currently, we have to limited tickets to 2 per child to ensure all get the opportunity to attend. Any additional tickets will go on sale prior to the concerts.

Best Wishes,  
Mr S Thomas  
Headteacher