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Dear Parent/Guardian,

A student in your child's classroom has been diagnosed with Scarlet Fever. Scarlet Fever is most often caused by strep throat. Not all children who have strep throat will develop Scarlet Fever. The symptoms for Scarlet Fever will be the same as with strep throat; fever, sore, red throat, swollen, tender glands of the neck, and pus pockets on the back of the throat. In addition the child with Scarlet Fever may have a high fever, nausea, vomiting, a strawberry appearance to the tongue, and a rash that is often described as having a "sandpaper" appearance. As with all strep infections, a person with Scarlet Fever needs to be on antibiotic therapy for 24 hours before returning to school and free from vomiting and fever for 24 hours. Please notify the school if your child is diagnosed with strep throat or Scarlet Fever.

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