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Dear Parents and Families

Re: Scabies

We have been made aware that a child in the school has reported skin rashes to a GP and is now being treated for scabies.

Scabies is caused by a small mite, which lives in the skin and is spread by prolonged or frequent contact with an infected individual. It can also be transmitted through shared towels, bed linen, clothing and even soft furnishings, such as fabric chairs or cushions.

Scabies is infectious, but it can take up to 8 weeks for the rash to appear. If your child has or develops symptoms, i.e. an itchy rash that is worse at night or when they are hot, please see your GP and let them know that they may have been in contact with someone who is being treated for scabies.

If they are diagnosed with scabies, it is important that all members of the household are also treated at the same time, regardless of whether they have any symptoms, as they are close contacts and at risk of developing scabies. Please ensure you seek treatment from your GP, alternatively, cream can be purchased over the counter from the pharmacy. If anyone has a skin condition, ask the doctor about appropriate treatment.

The Scabies factsheet attached provides more detailed information and advice on treatment. If you need any more information, please contact your GP or pharmacist, or refer to the following NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scabies/>

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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