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Dear Parents/Carers

Possible infection in Year 2

It has been brought to my attention that a number of children in school have contracted Threadworms. Threadworms are highly contagious, both children and adults can be affected.

How does the infection spread?

Threadworm is passed from person to person and is usually spread via children.

The female worms lay eggs around a person's back passage area. The eggs then lead to itching and scratching of the area which then leads to the eggs being transferred onto the fingers. Eggs can be transferred by direct contact, sharing toys, pencils and food.

How to stop the spread of infection

Good hygiene is essential to stop the infection being spread, including washing hands before eating and after visiting the toilet.

Eggs can survive under your nails. They can also survive in dust for two weeks, which may lead to infection by inhaling dust.

Symptoms

Itching, more so at night. Threadworms can also be seen, usually in your child's stools.

Treatment

Affected children should receive treatment as soon as possible. The rest of the family should also be treated at the same time. Medication can be purchased from the local chemist, however children under the age of 2 should be seen by a doctor.

- Children can still attend school, in spite of having threadworms.
- Underwear should be changed regularly
- Bed sheets should be changed frequently, especially 7 – 10 days after treatment
- Infected children and adults should keep their nails short
- Infected children should wear cotton gloves at night.
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- Clean your home as much as possible, especially bedrooms, and remove as much dust as possible.
- Do not eat in your bedroom
- If several family members are infected, they should all be treated on the same day.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Hedd Williams
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