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Dear Parent/Carer

There have recently been several cases of impetigo identified in school and we want to make sure you remain informed.

What is Impetigo?

Impetigo is a highly contagious bacterial skin infection causing blisters and sores. It mainly affects children, often on the face, especially around the nose and mouth, and sometimes on the arms or legs.

Causes of Impetigo

Impetigo is caused by bacteria (which lurks everywhere!) entering an open wound or fresh scratch. Most people get this highly infectious disease through physical contact with someone who has it, or from sharing the same clothes, bedding, towels, or other objects. The very nature of childhood, which includes much physical contact and large-group activities, makes children the primary victims and carriers of impetigo.

What are the Symptoms of Impetigo?

- A small patch of blisters that after a few hours break into red, moist areas that ooze or weep fluid; appears mainly on the face, but also on exposed areas of the arms and legs.
- In a few days, the formation of a golden or dark-yellow crust resembling grains of brown sugar occurs. The infection may continue to spread at the edges of the affected area or affect other skin areas.



When to Seek Medical Advice

If your child has sores or a rash that worsens or becomes more uncomfortable, please seek medical advice. Impetigo needs prompt medical attention with antibiotics.

Absence from School

A child with impetigo is not able to return to school until the lesions have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully

Judith Watton
School Office