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Dear Parent,

Impetigo

We have had two cases of Impetigo in Reception over the last fortnight. To avoid further spread of the infection we wanted to make you aware of the symptoms to be looking out for. Although fully treatable, impetigo is a very contagious skin infection which can cause soreness and blisters, mostly around the face.

Symptoms (NHS Website)

"The symptoms of impetigo begin with the appearance of red sores – usually around the nose and mouth but other areas of the face and the limbs can also be affected.

The sores quickly burst leaving behind thick, golden crusts typically around 2cm across. The appearance of these crusts is sometimes likened to cornflakes stuck to the skin. After the crusts dry, they leave a red mark that usually fades without scarring. The time it takes for the redness to disappear can vary between a few days and a few weeks."

Treatment

If you think your child might have these symptoms, please do get them checked out with your GP. Children need to be away from school for 48hrs once diagnosed and after treatment has begun to help us avoid spreading the infection.

For further information and advice, please do access www.nhs.co.uk

Many thanks for your support,

EYFS Team