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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been brought to my attention that there have been one or two suspected cases of scabies within the school.

Scabies is an itchy skin rash caused by mites that can spread across the whole body, apart from the head and neck. The condition can be transmitted through direct skin contact, clothing, bedding, towels or furniture that has touched an infected person's skin. It should be treated quickly.

If you suspect your child has scabies, please check for the following symptoms:

- Intense itching, especially at night.
- A raised rash or spots which may look red.

Treatment for scabies is usually a cream or lotion prescribed by a pharmacist. This is to be applied over the whole body, including the scalp and face (apart from the area around the eyes)

Everyone in your home needs to be treated at the same time, even if they do not have symptoms. But do not use pharmacy treatments on children under 2 years old, they will need to see a GP.

NHS Guidance states that children aged 5 and over can go back to school as soon as they have started treatment and children under 5, 24 hours after the first treatment.

Please notify the school office if you have a confirmed case.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. H. Atkinson-Smith  
Headteacher

