Scabies

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

A student in your child's classroom has been reported as having Scabies. There is a possibility that your child has been in contact with the mite that causes this condition. It is advisable that you watch your child for possible symptoms.

Scabies is a contagious skin condition caused by a mite. The mite is very small and often cannot be seen by the naked eye. The mite acts as a parasite, burrowing under the skin.

Usually the infestation will start between the fingers or in other body folds, such as the groin or armpits. Symptoms of this condition are ***intense*** itching and the appearance of tiny tunnels in the skin.

Scabies are spread by direct skin-to-skin contact with an infected person. Prescription medication is available.

Should any of the above symptoms appear, call and consult with your physician and report the information to your school.

If your doctor diagnoses Scabies, your child may return to school when your physician provides a written clearance which states your child has been treated for scabies and can return to school, usually one day after treatment. The physician will instruct you to wash bedding and clothes and sometimes will want the whole family treated with medication.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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