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SLAPPED CHEEK (PARVOVIRUS)

Dear Parents and Carers,

A few cases of 'Slapped Cheek' have been reported to us over the past week. Parents have been unsure of whether or not they should be sending their child to school whilst they are displaying symptoms. As long as children are feeling well they should come to school. If children are feeling unwell they should, as usual, not be sent to school.

Symptoms: The symptoms of Slapped Cheek virus can vary from a minor illness, possibly with headache, mild fever, sore throat and a rash that appears, usually on the cheeks.

Once the symptoms have appeared, your child is no longer contagious.

Pregnancy: Slapped cheek during pregnancy can cause complications for the unborn child. Most pregnant women infected with Slapped Cheek normally have healthy babies but there is a risk.

We have extracted this information from the NHS 24 website. More detailed information can be found by visiting this website: www.nhs24.com and searching for 'Slapped Cheek'.

In summary, children who are feeling well should attend school even if they are displaying symptoms of Slapped Cheek.

Yours faithfully,

Alastair Forsyth
Headteacher