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Dear Parents

We have been informed of a confirmed case of scabies in a class at Riverside School.

Scabies is caused by a small mite, which lives in the skin and is spread by prolonged contact with an infected individual. It causes itching but symptoms may take up to six weeks to develop and therefore people can be infected for a long time before they are aware they have scabies.

If your child develops symptoms such as an itchy rash, which is worse at night or when they are hot you should see your GP and say that they may have been in contact with scabies. If they need to be treated, the recommended treatment is Lyclear Dermal Cream or Derbac-M. If they have any skin condition you should ask your doctor about appropriate treatment.

If you need any more information please contact your GP or pharmacist. Thank you for you cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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