

ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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**Dear Families** 

## **Ref: Reported Case of Impetigo**

We are writing to inform you that there has been a reported case of **impetigo** in Key Stage 3.

Impetigo is a common and highly contagious skin infection that mainly affects young children. It usually appears as red sores or blisters, often around the nose and mouth, which can burst and form a yellowish crust. The infection spreads easily through close contact or by sharing items such as towels, clothing, or toys.

Please be assured that we are taking appropriate measures within the school to help prevent further spread. Classrooms and shared spaces are being cleaned thoroughly, and we are reminding children about the importance of regular hand washing.

What you can do:

- Be vigilant for symptoms such as red sores or crusted patches on your child's skin.
- If your child shows signs of impetigo, please consult your GP or pharmacist.
- Children diagnosed with impetigo should remain at home and **not return to school until 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment**, or as advised by a healthcare professional.

For more information, you can visit the **NHS website**:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo/

Thank you for your support and cooperation in keeping our school community healthy.

Yours sincerely

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