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Dear Parents/Carers

Scabies

We have a suspected case of Scabies in Handler class (Upper School).

The risk of your child catching Scabies is very minimal.

Scabies is a contagious skin condition caused by tiny mites that burrow into the skin. The main symptom of scabies is intense itching that is worse at night. It also causes a skin rash on areas where the mites have burrowed.

Scabies is usually spread through prolonged periods of skin-to-skin contact with an infected person, although it is also possible, but rare, for scabies to be passed on by sharing clothing, towels and bedding with someone who is infected. If someone is infected, then clothing, towels, bedding, etc. should be washed or cleaned.

As a preventative measure, anyone who has come into contact with Scabies should visit their GP who will prescribe an all-over body cream called Permethrin (an insecticide) which should be applied to the whole body after a shower (avoiding the eyes) and left on overnight. The treatment should then be repeated again in seven days.

More information can be found on the NHS website at: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Scabies>

Please be assured that we have taken all necessary and relevant precautions to reduce the risk to both students and staff, but if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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