

Middlefield Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that we may have a case of 'Slapped Cheek Disease' - Parvovirus - in Key Stage 2.

We are advised that absence from school is ineffective as most transmission takes place before the patient becomes unwell. The disease can be dangerous to women who are in the early stages of pregnancy.

The first symptoms can include fever, headache, runny nose and sore throat. After a few days of being unwell, a bright red rash may appear on the cheeks. Your child may also have a different rash on their chest, back, arms and legs, which looks like a pink lace pattern on the skin.

If your child does develop the symptoms, it may be advisable to keep him or her at home for at least 24 hours if they are feeling tired and unwell.

For more information, you may wish to consult your family doctor, or visit the NHS Direct website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

Yours sincerely



Carol Besant
Headteacher

On behalf of Middlefield Primary Academy (Part of TDLPT)

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