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Dear Parents/Carers

Impetigo

We have a case of Impetigo reported at Middlefield. Below is some information on this contagious skin infection.

An impetigo infection can occur when the bacteria invades otherwise healthy skin through a cut, insect bite or other injury. This is known as primary impetigo.

An infection can also occur when the bacteria invades the skin as a result of the skin barrier being disrupted by another underlying skin condition, such as head lice or eczema. This is known as secondary impetigo.

An impetigo infection can spread to other people through close physical contact, or by sharing towels or flannels. As the condition does not cause any symptoms until four to 10 days after initial exposure to the bacteria, it is often easily spread to others unintentionally.

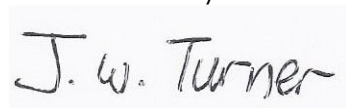
It's possible for impetigo to clear up spontaneously within three weeks. But because it's so contagious, treatment is recommended. If you suspect impetigo, contact your GP because treatment should take place preferably before the child infects other children.

Schoolchildren can normally return to their classes after one week from the start of topical treatment, or after 48 hours from the start of oral antibiotic therapy, even with scabs – as long as they remember not to scratch or touch them.

Please view our Impetigo Policy on the Middlefield website under the Key Information section.

Some further information about treatments and hygiene practices can be found at <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Yours Sincerely

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Mr John Turner
Associate Head of School
on behalf of Middlefield Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)