



To Parents/Guardians:

Your child may have been exposed to Pinworm infection at school.

Pinworms (intestinal parasites) are tiny white worms which migrate to the bowel opening. The eggs are laid in the folds of the skin around the anus. They are spread from child to child by the eggs that are passed to the mouth and swallowed. They are more of a nuisance than a major health problem.

How to Check for Pinworms:

1. Inspect your family 2 to 3 hours after sleep.
2. Direct a bright light directly on the anus after spreading the buttocks.
3. Check every night for one week and re-examine in several weeks.
4. It takes from 15 to 28 days for the eggs to mature.

If your child does have pinworms, please call your child's healthcare provider and notify your child's teacher.

NOTE: PINWORM INFESTATION REQUIRES TREATMENT BY A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.

On the same day the child is treated you should wash sheets, pajamas, underclothes, and towels in boiling water to destroy eggs. You must also sweep or vacuum the floor of the child's bedroom and living area.

Please call the school's Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.