

To Parents/Guardians:

A student in your child's class was diagnosed as having had scabies. This is <u>not</u> readily passed on to others in a classroom setting, but it is possible and can spread through close physical contact in a family or school class. Because of the contagious nature of scabies, health care providers recommend treatment.

Please be alert to any itching rash your child may develop and especially if intensely itchy at night. The rash (frequently found in skin folds) is caused by a mite that burrows beneath the skin. The rash is most often found between fingers, in armpits, around the waist, along the insides of wrists and the inner elbow. The only current effective treatment is medication applied to the entire body (except the head and neck) which must be prescribed by a health care provider. If the above symptoms should develop, between a few days to 6 weeks after exposure, please contact your health care provider for treatment.

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