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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is becoming increasingly more common for children in primary schools to be diagnosed with threadworms (also known as pinworms), a common childhood infection.

Threadworms are small, white worms that live in the intestines. They are usually harmless but can cause uncomfortable symptoms such as itching around the bottom, especially at night, disturbed sleep, and irritability.

How are threadworms spread?

Threadworms are highly contagious and spread easily from person to person, especially in settings like schools. They are transmitted when someone touches a contaminated surface or object and then puts their hands in their mouth.

What should you do?

- Please check your child for symptoms, especially if they have been complaining of itching around the anus or disturbed sleep.
- If you suspect your child has threadworms, speak to your pharmacist or GP. Treatment is simple and involves taking a single dose of medicine, which is available over the counter.
- It is recommended that all household members are treated at the same time, even if they are not showing symptoms.
- In addition, extra attention to hygiene is essential. This includes regular handwashing, keeping fingernails short, daily washing of bed linen and towels, and ensuring children wear underwear at night.

Can my child come to school?

Yes, your child can return to school after starting treatment. There is no need for exclusion once treatment has begun.

We understand that this situation may be concerning, but with prompt treatment and good hygiene, threadworms can be managed and prevented from spreading further. Please do not hesitate to contact us or your healthcare provider if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

J Bayliss

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