



The Whartons Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been made aware of a couple of cases of Impetigo in school.

As this condition requires treatment, please could you be vigilant and visit your GP if your child develops any of the following symptoms:

Impetigo starts with red sores or blisters which quickly burst to leave crusty golden-brown patches. This usually starts on hands and faces but can start anywhere.

The patches can:

- Look a bit like cornflakes stuck to your skin
- Get bigger
- Spread to other parts of your body
- Be itchy
- Sometimes be painful

Impetigo is contagious until all the lesions have crusted and healed, or for 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment. The antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period. If your child receives a diagnosis of impetigo from your GP they must stay at home until the infectious period is over.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Julia Dickson
Head Teacher

