



ST EDWARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks for your ongoing support of our school and for keeping the school informed, particularly in the health department. Consequently, I write to inform you that there has been a diagnosed case of Scabies at St Edward's Primary School.

Please read the NSW Health Factsheet and if your child has any of the symptoms they must be kept at home until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.

What are the symptoms of Scabies?

Scabies symptoms include:

- **Scabies causes intense itching and sometimes a rash. It looks like tiny red lumps and threadlike tracks on the skin.**
- **The scabies mite prefers to burrow and lay its eggs in skin that is soft and protected. So common areas to get scabies are the wrists, between the fingers, folds of the armpit and elbow and the groin.**
- **The itching is usually worse at night or after a hot bath or shower. The itching and rash may not develop for up to one month after you have been infected with the mites.**

Scabies is contagious and spreads quickly. If you have scabies, the whole family may need to be treated.

Should you require any additional information the following link is useful:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/pests/parasites/Pages/scabies.aspx>

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/scabies>

Kind regards,

Principal, St Edward's Primary School