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To Parents/Guardians:

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

Pinworms 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.

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 doctor and notify your child's teacher.

**NOTE: PINWORM INFESTATION REQUIRES TREATMENT BY A MEDICAL DOCTOR.**

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 notify the School Office at \_\_\_\_\_ if your child becomes ill with pinworm or if you have any questions or concerns. Further information can be found on [www.mayoclinic.com](http://www.mayoclinic.com).

Sincerely,