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CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Human Parvovirus B 19 (Slapped Cheek Syndrome)

There has been a case of Human Parvovirus B19 (Slapped Cheek Syndrome) diagnosed in kindergarten at the Kingston campus.

Description

Human parvovirus is a common viral infection that usually causes a mild illness in children. Symptoms are fever, red cheeks, and an itchy lace-like rash on the body and limbs. This rash appears initially on the face and spreads to the arms and legs. This disease is often known as 'Slapped Cheek Syndrome' because it describes the appearance of the facial rash. The person may also have a cough, sore throat or runny nose. Human parvovirus is transmitted by droplets or by secretions from the nose and throat. Complications are rare.

Usually there are no serious complications for pregnant women. However, pregnant women and people with blood disorders or a depressed immune system should consult their doctor, if they have any concerns.

Incubation Period

The incubation period is variable, but is usually 4 - 20 days.

Infectious Period

People are infectious until the rash appears.

Exclusion Period

Exclusion is not necessary. However, please keep your child at home until they are feeling well. Encourage cough and sneeze etiquette and hand hygiene at home.

Treatment

There is no specific treatment for human parvovirus (slapped cheek syndrome).

Yours sincerely,

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