

## **PINWORM**

We have reported cases of Pinworm (Enterobiasis, Threadworm) in the school. If you have any concerns, please contact your family doctor for advice.

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A common, infection of the intestines. Symptoms include perianal (around the anus) itch, disturbed sleep, irritability, secondary infection of the skin from persistent scratching.

Transmission:	Faecal-oral; indirect contact through clothing, bedding, food or articles contaminated with eggs.
Incubation period:	2 to 6 weeks.
Infectious period:	As long as eggs are excreted. Eggs remain infective for up to 2 weeks.
Exclusion:	Do not exclude.
Contacts:	Do not exclude.
Treatment:	Treatment available—refer to your doctor.
Immunisation:	None available.