

# **IMPETIGO - SCHOOL SORES**

We have had a diagnosed case of Impetigo (School sores) in the school. If you have any concerns, please contact your family doctor for recommendations and advice.

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A common, acute, bacterial infection of the skin caused by staphylococcal or streptococcal bacteria. Symptoms include itchy pustules and scabs.

Transmission:	Direct contact with skin lesions.
Incubation period:	Usually 4 to 10 days.
Infectious period:	As long as there is discharge from untreated lesions.
Exclusion:	Exclude for 24 hours after antibiotic treatment commenced. Lesions on exposed skin surfaces should be covered with a waterproof dressing.
Contacts:	Do not exclude.
Treatment:	Antibiotic treatment available— refer to doctor.
Immunisation:	None available.