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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had several reported cases of slapped cheek in school. Children can remain in school if they have slapped cheek.

Slapped cheek syndrome (also called fifth disease or parvovirus B19) is a viral infection that's most common in children, although it can affect people of any age. It usually causes a bright red rash on the cheeks, and we have seen it frequently occurring on children's arms.

Although the rash can look alarming, slapped cheek syndrome is normally a mild infection that clears up by itself in one to three weeks. Once you've had the infection, you're usually immune to it for life.

However, slapped cheek syndrome can be more serious for some people. If you're in the first trimester of pregnancy, have a blood disorder or a weakened immune system and have been exposed to the virus, you should get medical advice.

Please seek medical advice if you are concerned.

Yours sincerely

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