



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been notified of a confirmed case of scabies in our school community.

Scabies is very common and anyone can get it. It should be treated quickly to stop it spreading.

One of the first symptoms is intense itching, especially at night. Tiny mites lay eggs in the skin, leaving silvery lines with a dot at one end. The rash can appear anywhere but it often starts between the fingers. The rash spreads and turns into tiny red spots.

The scabies rash usually spreads across the whole body, apart from the head. Elderly people, young children and those with a weakened immune system may also develop a rash on their head and neck.

A pharmacist can help with scabies. It is not usually a serious condition but it does need to be treated. A pharmacist will recommend a cream or lotion that is applied all over the body. It is important to read the instructions carefully. You will need to repeat the treatment 1 week later.

Scabies is very infectious but it can take up to 8 weeks for the rash to appear. Everyone in the household needs to be treated at the same time, even if they don't have symptoms.

Children can return to school following the first treatment.

More information please see the following NHS website. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scabies>

Please inform the school if your child shows symptoms of or starts treatment for scabies.

Kind Regards,

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