

Dear Parents/Gaurdians,

A child in your child's class has been diagnosed and treated for pinworm (enterobius vermicularis).

Enerobius vermicularis, the human pinworm, is an intestinal parasite. People get a pinworm infection by unknowingly eating infective eggs. The most common symptom of infection is extreme itching in the anal (backside) area.

Pinworm can be spread from direct person to person contact or indirectly through contaminated objects. Good personal hygiene can reduce the risk of infection. Children should be instructed to wash their hands frequently and thoroughly and to not put their hands or objects in their mouths.

Pinworm can be diagnosed by a doctor and treated with a medication that will kill the adult worms. If you observe your child itching or if he/she complains of itching, you should notify your doctor that a child in your child's class was diagnosed with this condition.

Please contact the school nurse or your child's physician if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

School Nurse