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SLAPPED CHEEK NOTIFICATION

Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a case of slapped cheek disease reported in our school community.

The following information from **NSW Department of Health** may be of assistance:

Slapped cheek disease (also known as Fifth Disease), is a fairly mild viral illness caused by a parvovirus. Symptoms include a mild fever, an itchy lace-like rash, and possibly a cough, sore throat or runny nose.

Slapped cheek is spread through the air by coughing and sneezing, as well as by hands, cups and other objects that have been in contact with an infected person's mouth or nose. People usually stop being infectious once the rash appears.

To avoid giving it to other people, children should cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, wash their hands regularly, and avoid sharing drinks.

Children do not need to be kept at home, unless unwell.

Kind regards,

Miss Di Kipp
School Administrative Manager

Mr Steve Atkinson
Relieving Principal