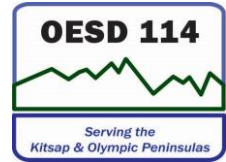




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OESD Head Start / ECEAP / Early Head Start Exposure Notice

Date:

To: All Parents

From: Your Child's Classroom

Subject: **PINWORMS**

Your child may be exposed to pinworms. Please watch for signs of it in the next 4 to 8 weeks.

Appearance: Tickling and itching in the anal region, often at night, causing child to scratch the area. Disturbed sleep. Appetite and weight loss may be noted.

Cause: Small intestinal round worms

Spread: Eggs are transferred by fingers from an infected child's anal area to another child's mouth. Egg transfer is also possible by bedding, clothing and toys.

Treatment: Call your child's doctor if these signs appear. Follow doctor recommendations carefully. Treatment usually requires a prescription oral medication and possibly a lotion to stop the itching. Treatment of all family members is often advised. Encourage the wearing of underwear and pajamas to discourage nighttime scratching. Keep fingernails short and clean. Do careful hand washing after toileting and before eating or handling food.

If you have questions, please contact your classroom's Family/Health Advocate, the Health Program Manager 360-478-6878, or the Kitsap Public Health District Communicable Disease Nurses at 360-728-2235.

If staff have concerns about a child's ability to safely return to class, we reserve the right to request a note from the child's health care provider.
