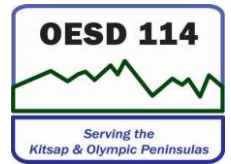




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Exposure Notice

Date:

To: All Parents

From: Your Child's Classroom

Subject: **SCABIES**

Your child may have been exposed to scabies. Please watch for signs of it in the next 2 to 6 weeks.

Appearance: Small blister-like eruptions in the skin especially in the webs between fingers, on wrists, elbows, armpits, waist, buttocks and genitalia. Characterized by severe itching particularly at night.

Cause: A microscopic itch mite that burrows underneath the skin.

Spread: By close personal contact with an infected individual. It may occasionally be transmitted by contact with clothing or bedding if they are freshly contaminated.

Treatment: Follow doctor's recommendations. Usually requires a prescription lotion which is applied to entire body and left on for an extended period of time. The entire family is usually treated. Wash contaminated clothing and bedding.

Return to Class: Follow doctor's recommendations. Usually can return 24 hours after full treatment is completed even though rash and itching may last long after mites are dead.

If you have questions, please contact your classroom's Health Nutrition Advocate, the Health Coordinator (478-6867), or the Kitsap Public Health District Communicable Disease Nurses at 337-5235.

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.
