

# WHETSTONE FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We have been informed of a couple of cases of 'slapped cheek' in school. Even though this is contagious, it is not obvious from the onset. Although the rash can look alarming, slapped cheek syndrome is normally a mild infection that clears up by itself in one to three weeks. Once you've had the infection, you're usually immune for life.

However, slapped cheek syndrome can be more serious for some people. If you're pregnant, have a blood disorder or a weakened immune system and have been exposed to the virus, you should get medical advice.

Some people with slapped cheek syndrome won't notice any early symptoms, but most people will have the following symptoms for a few days:

- A slightly high temperature (fever) of around 38C (100.4F)
- A runny nose
- A sore throat
- A headache
- An upset stomach
- Feeling generally unwell

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

The government also states that once the rash has developed, children are allowed in school if they are affected. Please be aware of symptoms at home and we will also notify you if we notice any signs within school.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs D Kelly**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

