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Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s),

This letter is to inform you that a student in your child’s classroom was recently diagnosed with scabies. Scabies causes intense itching and a pimple-like skin rash. It is an infestation of the skin by the human itch mite, which burrows into the upper layer of the skin where it lives and lays its eggs and is found worldwide. If someone is infested with scabies mites the first-time, symptoms do not usually appear until about 4-6 weeks. But symptoms appear 1-4 days in individuals who are reinfested. It spreads by prolonged, direct skin-to-skin contact, and in severe cases, by indirect transfer from undergarments or bedclothes if they have been contaminated by an infected person immediately beforehand.

The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) strongly encourages you to monitor your child for a rash, and to seek a medical evaluation from their primary care provider with any concerns. If your child is immunocompromised or otherwise at high risk, your child may receive a prescription for medicated cream or lotion to kill the mites. After a diagnosis of scabies, children can return the morning after treatment has started. Individuals who have had prolonged, direct skin-to-skin contact may also need treatment preventatively.

If your child or anyone in your household currently has symptoms that look like scabies:

* Contact your regular health care provider to discuss your child's symptoms.
* Contact the school nurse to report your child's scabies.

**Students diagnosed with scabies must have a note from a health care provider stating they are non-communicable to return to school.**

If you have questions regarding this information, please reach out to your school nurse.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Principal] [School Nurse]