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Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to let you know that your child may have been exposed to Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (Coxsackie virus) at school. This is a common contagious viral infection in infants and children. This is not the same as foot-and-mouth disease that animals may get. Please watch your child for the symptoms listed below. If your child has the following symptoms, please call your child's GP for advice/guidance.

Common Signs and Symptoms include:

- Symptoms usually begin with a fever, poor appetite, malaise (feeling vaguely unwell), and often a sore throat.
- A couple of days after the fever starts, painful sores can develop in the mouth.
- A skin rash with flat or raised red spots can also develop, usually on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet and sometimes on the buttocks. This rash may blister, but it will not itch.

Hand Foot and Mouth disease is contagious and it is best controlled by diligent hand washing and good hygiene which of course we are still doing lots of in school.

Please notify the School Office if your child becomes ill with Hand Foot and Mouth Disease or if you have any questions or concerns.

Further information can be found on www.cdc.gov. or NHS Website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

Kind Regards

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