25th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had several confirmed cases of thread worms in the Early Years Unit. Threadworms (pinworms) are tiny worms which you may be able to see in poo. They are very common and are easily transferred from child to child.

A common symptom is itching around the anus especially at night. You might also see them around your child's bottom (anus), and as they usually come out at night whilst your child is sleeping it is advisable to check later in the evening.

More information can be found via the NHS website https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/

You can treat them without seeing your GP. Medication for the whole family can be bought over the counter in liquid or tablet form.

To prevent further discomfort from and spreading of threadworms we are asking all families to be aware of this and to check their children so that any cases can be treated promptly.

Can you please ensure that your child has short nails and washes their hands after using the toilet?

It is also helpful if you can let us know so that we can respond appropriately in school. As an interim measure all children will use hand sanitiser before snack and lunchtimes.

Thank you.

Mrs Bayes