

# St. Michael's C of E Aided School



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Dear Parents/Carers

We are aware that many of you are concerned about the recent cases of parvovirus (slapped cheek) in school. In light of this, we have taken advice from both the Health Protection Agency, the NHS website and the local doctor's surgery.

The most common symptom of Parvovirus is a facial rash which spreads to the body and limbs. Before the rash appears, children may appear unwell with the symptoms of a common cold.

The advice we have been given is as follows:

- Keep your child at home if they are unwell.
- Children may come to school with the rash if they are well enough to do so.

**However, if your child has Parvovirus, it is of the utmost importance that you notify the school as we have a family for whom this virus could be life-threatening.**

In general, if your child exhibits any rash which you are unsure of, please seek medical advice from your doctor's surgery for a diagnosis.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

**Judith Arkwright**  
Headteacher