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We are a Christian school
and we value being:
*Encouraging and
challenging;
Brave and kind;
Thankful and thoughtful.*



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Dear Parents

A case has been reported in school of threadworms. We are very aware of how to deal with this in school but we felt that it was worth passing the information on to you in case it becomes necessary for you to deal with this at home.

Please be vigilant and note the following:-

- Threadworms are tiny white worms which live in the bowel. They are not harmful themselves but may be a nuisance. They are common especially in children, but can affect people of any age. They do not come from pets.
- The most common symptom is itching around the back passage (anus) at night, because the worms are most active at night. Sometimes a child might wake in the night with severe perineal pain which can be relieved by placing the child in a bath. An infected person may have no symptoms but sometimes worms can be seen in the stool or on toilet paper.
- They are infectious and can be passed around within families. Threadworms leave the bowel at night and lay eggs on the skin around the back passage. The eggs cause the itchiness. Eggs can get onto the hands or under the fingernails and this can then be passed on to other people if hand washing is inadequate. Eggs can also get onto carpets, bed linen, towels and flannels and into household dust and be passed to other people this way.
- Incubation period is between 2 and 6 weeks after contact with a source of infection.
- Treatment is available in the form of medicines (powder, syrup or tablets) which will get rid of the worms and which the doctor can prescribe or which can be bought at the chemist. All people living in the same household should be treated at the same time. There are several things that can be done to help get rid of worms:
 - a morning bath will remove eggs laid during the night
 - wash hands after using the toilet and before preparing food
 - make sure everyone in the family uses their own towel and washcloth
 - during treatment change the nightclothes, underwear and bed sheets of the person with the infection as often as possible
 - vacuum the carpets often
 - keep the nails of the person with the infection short
- No exclusion from school is necessary. Treatment is available and recommended.

Yours sincerely

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We pray and endeavour to ensure that each child's love will keep on growing more and more, together with true knowledge and perfect judgment so that they will be able to choose what is best.

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Based upon St Paul's letter to the Philippians 1:9.10