

# LEOPOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

This is to inform you that there has been a case of hand - foot - mouth disease reported in our school.

Hand-foot-mouth disease is a common viral childhood illness, which typically affects children under the age of 10, although sometimes older children may become infected.

Initial symptoms include fever, poor appetite, general discomfort and often a sore throat. Approximately 2 days after the onset of these symptoms, painful sores develop in the mouth and a rash with flat or raised spots and a blister like appearance develop on the hands and feet. The rash is non-itchy.

This virus is contagious and is spread from person to person by direct contact with nose and throat discharge, saliva, fluid from blisters, or stools of the infected person. Surfaces contaminated with these substances may also become a source of infection. Proper hand washing and thorough cleaning of surfaces can reduce the spread.

The incubation period for hand-foot-mouth disease is 3 - 7 days and a person is contagious from the onset of symptoms until the blister like rash disappears.

If your child becomes ill with hand-foot-mouth disease, please go to your doctor for a check-up and medicine.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

Ms A Hussain  
Senior Deputy Head Teacher



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