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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that an individual in our school has Impetigo (Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease - School Sores).

Impetigo is a highly contagious bacterial infection of the skin. Impetigo is a bacterial skin infection caused by *Streptococcus* and *Staphylococcus* bacteria. It is commonly known as 'school sores' because most cases are in school-aged children. However, it can also affect infants, adults, and adolescents.

The signs and symptoms to look out for are small red spots. These are usually on the face, hands, or scalp. The small spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted. They are not usually painful but can be itchy.

It is important for people with impetigo to keep away from newborns and young babies. Newborn babies are particularly susceptible to impetigo because their immune systems are not fully developed.

Children need to be kept home from school until one day after antibiotic treatment starts. Sores and blisters should be covered with watertight dressings until all blisters have dried up.

Kind Regards  
Amiee Jahshan  
Principal