

# Ridgeway Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I write to inform you that we have a confirmed Roundworm infection in school. Symptoms usually begin 4-16 days after swallowing the eggs and last up to three weeks. They include:

- a fever (high temperature) of 38C (100.4F) or above
- a dry cough
- shortness of breath
- wheezing

Signs and symptoms associated with mature worms include:

- passing a worm in your faeces
- mild stomach (abdominal) pain
- nausea and vomiting
- diarrhoea (you may also notice blood in stools)

In order to avoid the spread of worms amongst the children, it is especially important that care must be taken with toilet hygiene and children should be encouraged to keep their finger nails short. We will be talking to the children about this and would be grateful if you could reiterate this message at home.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Please don't hesitate to speak to me if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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