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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 Concerns around Insect Bites

The school has been made aware of a small number of pupils from Year 1 reporting potential, but not confirmed, insect bites. I must stress that this is only, as far as we are aware, affecting very few pupils, and having taken advice from Lambeth's Local Health Protection Team, not something the school should be immediately concerned about.

I am working closely with both **Local Health Protection Teams** and other relevant agencies, including **Environmental Health**, in order to support our internal processes and next steps. As such, we have been advised to request of you the following information, as soon as is reasonably possible, if your child has been affected by this at any point this term:

- **Please notify us, in writing, if your child is displaying or has displayed any insect bites, as well as how long for and whether there has been any clinical assessment and/or diagnoses.**

This will enable us to make considered decisions about the most appropriate next steps and course of action. There is certainly no indication that this is a wider issue at the school nor that it is a result of our school environment.

I have also been in touch this afternoon with the **Public Health Registrar**, on the **South London Health Protection Team** who has advised that I share with you all the following link to NHS guidance on insect bites and stings: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/insect-bites-and-stings/> Thank you for your on going support and I will of course let you know, should anything further change or if we receive any further advice or guidance around next steps.

Yours Sincerely,

Cordelia Cooper
Headteacher

