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CHADDESLEY CORBETT ENDOWED PRIMARY & PRE-SCHOOL

Threadworms

A case of threadworms has been reported in the Early Years Foundation Stage. This information provides advice and information regarding threadworms and what to do.

Threadworms, or *Enterobius vermicularis*, are small intestinal worm parasites that infect the intestines of humans. The threadworm, sometimes called a pinworm, is the most common worm parasite infestation of children in the UK.

The symptoms of threadworm include itching around the anus and a lack of sleep. However, the symptoms do not always present themselves.

A pharmacist can help with threadworms

You can buy medicine mebendazole for threadworms from pharmacies. This is usually a chewable tablet or liquid you swallow. Treat everyone over 2 years old in your household, even if they do not have symptoms.

Tell the pharmacist if you need to treat a child under 2 years old, or if you're pregnant or breastfeeding. Treatment might not be suitable and you may need to speak to a GP.

If you cannot take medicine you can treat threadworms by using hygiene methods for 6 weeks.

Things you should do at home for threadworms

Medicine kills the threadworms, but it does not kill the eggs. Eggs can live for up to 2 weeks outside the body.

There are things you can do to stop becoming infected again. Do these for 2 weeks if you're taking medicine, or for 6 weeks if you're not taking medicine.

Wash your hands and scrub under fingernails - particularly before eating, after using toilet or changing nappies

- encourage children to wash hands regularly
- shower every morning
- rinse toothbrushes before using them
- keep fingernails short
- wash sleepwear, sheets, towels and soft toys (at a hot temperature) every day for several days after treatment
- disinfect kitchen and bathroom surfaces, using hot water
- vacuum and dust with a damp cloth
- make sure everyone in the household wears underwear at night and changes it in the morning

Dont

- do not shake clothing or bedding, to prevent eggs landing on other surfaces
- do not share towels or flannels
- do not bite nails or suck thumbs and fingers

Important: Nursery, Pre-School & School

If you or your child has threadworms there's no need for your child to stay off nursery, pre-school or school

For further information and advice please click on the link below:-

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>