

Health Update

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Conjunctivitis or 'Pinkeye'

Dear Parents,

I would like to inform you that we have a case of conjunctivitis in our Galileo class.

Conjunctivitis is a common childhood disease; also known as 'pinkeye'. It is an infection of the surface of the eyeball and inside of the eyelid. It is usually caused by a virus or bacteria, but can also be caused by an allergy. If caused by a virus or bacteria, it can be spread to others very easily.

Symptoms may include:

- teary, red, irritated eyes
- swollen eyelids with thick yellow discharge
- eyelids being stuck together after waking from sleep

Please see your family doctor if your child has any of the above symptoms. They will determine whether or not your child has contagious pinkeye. If it is confirmed that your child has pinkeye, please notify the school and do not send your child to school until they have been **treated for 24 hours**.

Some simple ways to prevent pinkeye include careful hand-washing and keeping hands away from eyes.

For further information, I recommend the website: www.kidshealth.org

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you,

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