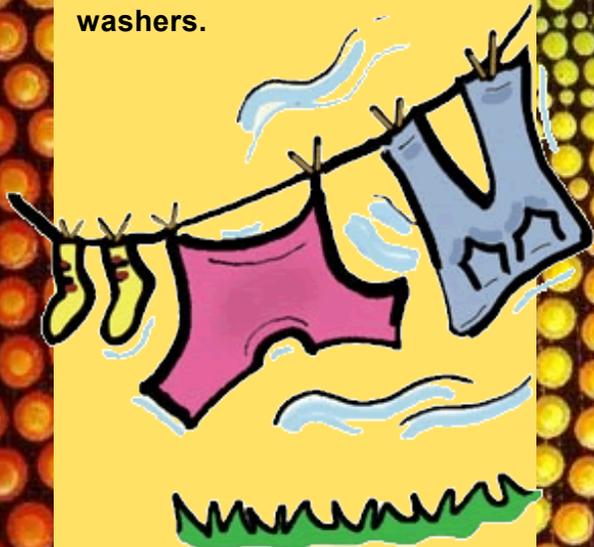


## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO GET RID OF SCHOOL SORES

There must be clean sheets and blankets and clean clothes for everyone so the school sores cannot spread again. Strip beds and wash everything in hot water and soap and hang in the sun.

Air the mattresses, pillows and floor mats in the sun and give the house a good clean.

DO NOT share towels or face washers.



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## IMPETIGO SCHOOL SORES



## WHAT IS SCHOOL SORES?

This is a superficial skin infection caused by Staphylococcus or Streptococcus bacteria or sometimes both, most common in children.

Impetigo appears as a flat yellow, crusty or moist patch on the skin, usually exposed parts of the body such as the face and legs.

The bacteria can easily spread to the other parts of the body or to other people directly by contact with sores or indirectly by contact with contaminated clothes.



## TREATMENT

Clean sores with soap and water - sponge off crusts. Apply Betadine and cover.

The doctor may recommend the use of antibiotic ointment or antibiotics by mouth in severe cases.

All sores must be covered with dressings at all times.



## CONTROL OF SPREAD

People with school sores should **NOT** be attending child care, preschool, school and work until appropriate treatment had commenced. All sores should be covered with dressings at all times.

Good hand washing procedures should be encouraged.

Incubation period is 4-10 days after exposure

