



ST JUDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WHOOPING COUGH

Dear Parents & Carers

This week there has been a reported case of whooping cough (Pertussis) in the primary school.

Whooping cough begins with symptoms similar to those of a cold. These can rapidly progress to include:

- Severe cough, which occurs in bouts of coughing;
- Characteristic 'whooping' sound on inhalation; and
- Vomiting at the end of a bout of coughing

Whooping cough is most serious for babies under 6 months of age.

Please see your doctor as soon as possible if your child has a persistent cough.

You may visit ACT Health for further information:

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/population-health/fact-sheets>

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