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Dear Parent / Carer,

Part of our school management plan consists of annual pest control treatments throughout the school. This occurs every September during the school holidays and is performed by a reputable pest control agent that only uses approved Education Queensland chemicals. At other times of the year we call this agent in on a needs basis to deal with specific issues relating to pest control.

Some weeks ago the Prep / Yr One children were reporting grass midge / mite bites when coming in from outside and sitting on the carpet. The pest control agent visited the site after hours and treated the classroom and surrounds with a successful outcome. There have been no further reports of these types of bites.

However, in recent days there have been some mosquito bites reported by children and staff in the Prep / Yr One classroom.

We are very vigilant regarding mosquitoes around the school complex. Regular spraying of toilets / classrooms etc, occur when children are not in attendance and we do as much as possible to reduce breeding sites throughout the complex.

Unfortunately however, we cannot completely eliminate the possibility that at some point in the day, a child will sustain a mosquito bite.

To safeguard the children in this classroom as much as possible we would like to daily apply some “Tail Swat” body spray to each child in the class daily when required.

“Tail Swat” is manufactured by the MooGoo company. It consists of natural ingredients and is DEET-Free. It is not an insect repellent as such, however although the smell is quite pleasant to humans it seems to be offensive to insects such as mosquitoes. Some of the child care centres in Atherton are already using this product as required.

If you DO NOT wish for your child to have this applied please contact the school as soon as possible.

If we do not hear from you we will assume that we have your permission to apply “Tail Swat” to your child.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Stroud