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IMPETIGO

Impetigo is a skin infection that is generally caused by one of two bacteria. A child may be more likely to develop impetigo if their skin has already been irritated or injured by other skin problems, such as eczema, chicken pox, insect bites or skin allergies.

Although it may affect skin anywhere on the body it commonly occurs in the area around the nose and mouth. Impetigo is characterised by blisters that may burst, ooze fluid and develop a honey-coloured crust.

Impetigo may itch and it can be spread by scratching. The infection usually spreads along the edges of an affected area but may also spread to other areas of the body.

IT IS HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS

It can be spread from person to person by touch, clothing, towels and bedding.

Impetigo is usually treated with antibiotic ointment and sometimes oral antibiotics prescribed by a doctor.

Children with Impetigo are not allowed at school until the infection is no longer contagious i.e. approximately 48 hours after antibiotic treatment has started or affected areas are no longer oozing fluid.