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HEALTH NOTICE FOR ROOM 9 FAMILIES

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I have been advised by one of our families that their child has Whooping Cough (medically termed Pertussis).

The following about whooping cough is information taken from the New Zealand Ministry of Health Website:

Symptoms and illness

Pertussis begins with a runny nose and temperature followed by a cough. The coughing spells are so strong that it is hard for the child to breathe. Children often gasp for air and some make a 'whooping' sound. They may also vomit after coughing. Most children are well between the coughing spells.

<http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/immunisation-diseasesandvaccines-whoopingcough>

Your child is probably immunised against this but please be aware of the symptoms. If you see them in your child DO NOT send them to school please as this is spread by coughing.

Wishing you all good health!

Kind regards,
Rachel Boyd