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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Biology Experiment - Tick Guidance

I am writing to make you aware that all the Year 11s took part in a biology experiment in and around the sports field this week. Although the grass is relatively short, just above the ankle, we would encourage you to check your child's legs for any signs of a tick as soon as possible.

For information on how to spot or remove a tick, please see the following information on the NHS webpage: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Lyme-disease/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Please note, in the event of removing a tick, you should monitor the bite area for the next month and seek medical advice immediately if you see a circular rash at the site of the tick bite.

[Early symptoms of Lyme Disease](#)

Many people with early stage Lyme disease develop a distinctive circular rash at the site of the tick bite, usually around three to 30 days after being bitten. This is known as erythema migrans. The rash is often described as looking like a bullseye on a dart board. The affected area of skin will be red and the edges may feel slightly raised.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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