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Dear Parent/Guardian of _____,

Providing a healthy, pest-free environment is a responsibility of the school.

Providing a safe and healthy living environment is a responsibility of the parent, *not* the school.

Enclosed you will find information regarding bed bugs. This information is developed to better help you identify and give you information on what to do if you suspect or know your home has bed bugs.

To maintain a healthy, pest-free environment, it will be necessary for the school to do the following:

_____ **If the student has suspicious bites :**

- School staff will visually inspect your child's outer clothing and belongings that are brought to school.
- Your child's coat & belongings will be kept in a sealed, lidded tub while the student is at school.
- This process will continue until it's determined that the bites are of different origin other than from bed bugs and/or there is a consistent 2 week disappearance of bites with no evidence of new bites.

_____ **If a bed bug was found on the student or their belongings:**

- Student will be sent home that day.
- Student can return to school when the first 3 parent responsibilities (as written below) are met.
- Student will report to the school clinic daily and change from "home" clothes/shoes into a "clean" set of clothing/shoes until documentation is received stating there is no infestation at home.
- Belongings will be kept in a sealed tub in the clinic.

Parent Responsibilities:

1. Parents will provide a freshly laundered change of clothing in a zip lock bag to the school. (The student will change into these clothes daily upon arrival at school.)
2. Do not send backpacks to school.
3. Parents should store their freshly laundered clothing, coat and shoes in a sealed plastic bag or lidded tub and kept away from the area in which bed bugs are present in the home.
4. Parents should seek professional pest management and/or contact The Darke County Health Department at (937)548-4196 to request home evaluation for the presence of bed bugs.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Fritz, RN
Tri-Village School Nurse

<https://www.epa.gov/bedbugs/top-ten-tips-prevent-or-control-bed-bugs>