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Dear Parents,

There has been a confirmed case of Pertussis (aka "Whooping Cough") reported in the lower school. That student has been treated and no other cases have been reported at this time. This condition is one that is required to be reported to the health department because of how contagious it can be. After it was reported to the school, Aileen Fleming, our school nurse, followed our protocol and reported it the Roanoke City, Roanoke County, and Franklin County health departments. We are notifying each of our families, as well, in the event you notice any symptoms in your child. Please click on the links below for information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on pertussis symptoms and treatment.

CDC - Pertussis, Causes and Transmission

CDC - Pertussis, Signs and Symptoms

CDC - Pertussis, Diagnosis and Treatment

CDC - Pertussis, Prevention

If you think your child has been exposed you should call your healthcare professional and if your child is symptomatic (a chronic cough) they should be seen immediately.

Please contact me or our school nurse, Aileen Fleming, if you have any concerns.

Thank you,

Chris Proctor

Headmaster