

## Public information advice

21 September 2018

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### South End School – exposure to unknown substance

This afternoon there was an incident at South End School, resulting in some children being exposed to an unknown substance with a sulphuric smell.

Emergency services responded quickly and 10 children with symptoms were taken by ambulance to the Emergency Department at Masterton Hospital. As a precautionary measure the remaining children and teachers were kept at the school.

The children taken to the ED have now been discharged.

As a precautionary measure, once they are home all the children involved should have a warm shower and their clothing should be washed thoroughly.

Anyone concerned about symptoms they are experiencing should call Healthline on 0800 611 116

As always, if you are acutely unwell and need immediate care, call 111 or go to your Emergency Department.

#### **For more information:**

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Thanks Anna

I've passed that on too

Sent from my iPhone

On 21/09/2018, at 18:55, Anna Cardno [WrDHB] <[Anna.Cardno@wairarapa.dhb.org.nz](mailto:Anna.Cardno@wairarapa.dhb.org.nz)> wrote:

Thanks – if Healthline suggest anyone needs to come to ED, please can Healthline ask if they have been decontaminated. If they have not been decontaminated, they will not be able to come through past ED reception, and our team will need to know prior to their arrival. The Duty Nurse Manager is on 027 675 5939

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Thank you Anna, our Healthline nurses have been informed.

Kind regards

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