

National Deworming Day - 10 February, 2017

Intestinal worms are a public health concern in India, with around 220 million children aged 1-14 estimated to be at risk of infection. Worms can result in anaemia, and have a detrimental effect on children's physical growth, nutrition, cognitive development, and school attendance.

The Departments of Health, Education, and ICDS are organizing National Deworming Day (NDD) for the better health and wellbeing of all children. Children will be dewormed with Albendazole 400 mg, which is a safe and beneficial drug as per WHO and Government of India. Albendazole is used globally for deworming children and adults.

Children with high worm load may experience nausea, headache, diarrhea, or vomiting, which will subside in 2-3 hours post administration. No child will be given medicine forcefully. Children who are sick or under some medication will not be administered the tablet. Upon recovery they will be given the tablet on mop-up day to be held on February 15. Emergency medical facilities are in place, if they are needed.

A note has been enclosed to provide you more details about NDD. You may speak with the class teacher if you have any queries.

Let us join hands to help our children lead a healthier and worm-free life.