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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you that several children in Sapphire Class have recently been diagnosed with chickenpox. While this is a common childhood illness, we want to ensure all families are aware so that you can monitor your child for any symptoms.

Chickenpox typically begins with mild flu-like symptoms, followed by an itchy rash of small, fluid-filled blisters. **If your child develops symptoms, please keep them at home until all spots have scabbed over, which usually takes about five days from the onset of the rash.**

Further information about chickenpox can be found on the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

For most children, chickenpox is mild, but **it can be more serious for pregnant individuals, newborn babies, or anyone with a weakened immune system.** If anyone in your household falls into one of these categories, please contact your GP for guidance.

Many thanks,

K. Prichard