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Dear Parents/Carers.

We have had a couple of cases of chicken pox in school. Children with chickenpox must be kept away from school for **at least 5 days** from the onset of the rash, and until all blisters have fully crusted over. Chickenpox is highly contagious, spreading via air droplets or direct contact, so prompt isolation and hygiene protocols are essential to prevent an outbreak.

If you think your child has Chicken Pox please keep them at home and call 01977 613423 to let us know.

The main symptom of chickenpox is an itchy, spotty rash. It can be anywhere on the body. Before or after the rash appears, you might also have:

- a high temperature
- aches and pains, and generally feel unwell
- loss of appetite

Chickenpox happens in 3 stages, but new spots can appear while others are becoming blisters or forming a scab. For advice follow this link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

- Stage 1: small spots appear
- Stage 2: the spots become blisters
- Stage 3: the blisters become scabs

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all.

Kind Regards



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