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Dear Parent/Carer

Chicken Pox

Please be aware we have had 3 cases of chicken pox diagnosed in KS1.

Please see the information below on what to look out for and what to do in the event of an outbreak.

Chickenpox is a mild and common childhood illness that most children catch at some point.

It causes a rash of red, itchy spots that turn into fluid-filled blisters. They then crust over to form scabs, which eventually drop off.

Some children have only a few spots, but other children can have spots that cover their entire body. These are most likely to appear on the face, ears and scalp, under the arms, on the chest and belly, and on the arms and legs.

To prevent spreading the infection, keep children off nursery or school until all their spots have crusted over.

Chickenpox is infectious from one to two days before the rash starts, until all the blisters have crusted over (usually five to six days after the start of the rash).

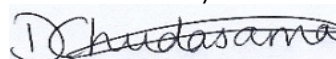
If your child has chickenpox, try to keep them away from public areas to avoid contact with people who may not have had it, especially people who are at risk of serious problems, such as newborn babies, pregnant women and anyone with a weakened immune system (for example, people having cancer treatment or taking steroid tablets).

Please see <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/Pages/Introduction.aspx> for more information.

As per our school policy all children who develop these symptoms are to remain off school until all the spots have scabbed over to stop the spread of infection.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of Middlefield Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

