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Re: Chicken Pox

Dear Parent/ Carer

We have seen a significant number of children with symptoms of chicken pox on our return from the Easter break.

Chickenpox is usually a mild illness and children usually get better by themselves. Children with chickenpox should stay away from school, until all the spots have formed a scab. This is usually 5 days after the spots appeared.

Some children and adults are at higher risk of serious problems if they catch chickenpox, they include:

- people who are pregnant
- newborn babies
- people with a weakened immune system

These people should seek medical advice as soon as they have contact with someone suspected of having chickenpox or they develop symptoms of chickenpox.



Children who have had chickenpox recently may develop complications if they also catch scarlet fever (group A streptococcal infection). Parents/ carers should remain vigilant for the following symptoms in children who have had chickenpox:

- a persistent high temperature
- the skin around chickenpox blisters becoming red, hot or painful (signs of infection)
- joint pain and swelling
- your child's symptoms not improving or getting worse

If you are concerned about the symptoms above, please seek medical advice as soon as possible.

Further information on both infections can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Chickenpox>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever>

Yours Faithfully

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