



RIVINGTON FOUNDATION Primary School



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Chicken Pox

Dear Parent / Carers/Staff Member,

We are writing to inform you that there has been several confirmed cases of chicken pox in school.

Chickenpox is a normal childhood illness and most people born in the UK acquire the infection in childhood. Chickenpox is spread very easily. Having a conversation with someone with chickenpox or being in the same room as them for 15 minutes or more is long enough to catch the infection.

Once someone has had Chickenpox infection they will not get the infection again. However chickenpox can lead to complications for pregnant women who have never had the infection before. Also people who are on immunosuppressive treatment for cancer, following an organ transplant, or as a result of another condition might be at risk of infection with complications.

If your child has not already had chickenpox, please look carefully for signs and symptoms. If your child develops a rash or any spots please keep your child at home from school and away from pregnant and vulnerable contacts until the spots have crusted over (usually about 5 days).

If your child develops chickenpox and you or someone else in the household is pregnant and not immune, or has a condition or are on treatment which suppresses immunity to infection please contact your GP/midwife for advice as soon as possible.

If you are a member of staff who is pregnant and not immune (never had chicken pox), or have a condition or are on treatment which suppresses immunity to infection and you have been in contact with someone with chickenpox please contact your GP/midwife for advice as soon as possible.

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For parents who feel they would like more information on chickenpox, information can also be sourced from NHS 111 or NHS Choices via the internet at

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/pages/introduction.aspx>.

Our policy states that if a child is suspected of having chicken pox, parents will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their child from school. All children should remain at home until all chicken pox spots have crusted over to avoid further spread of the illness. Should any child return to school before this time, parents will be contacted and asked to collect them and take them back home. We appreciate your understanding on this and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Annette

Headteacher



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