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 **‘Through God’s love, we strive to be the best we can be.’**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Chickenpox**

A case of chicken pox have been reported in Year 2, we are writing to all parents just as a precautionary measure so that you can be vigilant for any signs of chicken pox in your child.

Chickenpox is a mild and common childhood illness that most children catch at some point. The most commonly recognised chickenpox symptom is a red rash that can cover the entire body. Before the rash appears your child may have mild flu like symptoms including: feeling sick, a high temperature, aching painful muscles, headache, generally feeling unwell and loss of appetite. Soon after flu like symptoms an itchy rash appears

**Complications of chickenpox are rare in healthy children. The most common complication is where the blisters become infected with bacteria.**

The people who are most at risk of developing chickenpox complications are: adults, pregnant women, babies under four weeks old and people with a weakened immune system.

If you suspect your child has Chickenpox please see your family Doctor. The recommended time for children to be off school is five days from the onset of the rash appearing

Yours faithfully

Ms J O’Brien

Head teacher