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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Chicken Pox

Our colleagues at Allens Croft Primary School have kindly advised us that a number of the children attending their provision are suspected to have chicken pox. There are no known or suspected cases within our Nursery School at the current time, but we wish to make you aware of the increased risk as many families have children in both schools.

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



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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:

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

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

Yours Faithfully

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