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Thursday 4th December 2025,

Dear parent/guardian,

Chicken pox at Barford Primary School

We have been informed that a number of children who attend Barford Primary School are suspected to have chicken pox.

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/guardians 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:

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

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

A free chickenpox vaccination will be offered for the first time to children across England on the NHS from January 2025, please use the following link Free chickenpox vaccination offered for first time to children - GOV.UK for further information

Please be informed that the CUSP Science parent curriculum and KS2 Celebration assembly will continue this week. Please note the outbreak of chicken pox is only throughout Year 1 & Year 2. We are following all the advice from Public Health.



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Yours Sincerely,

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