

# The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

*"Shine as to be a light to others"*



Headteacher: Mrs C. Dickinson

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you that there have been a few confirmed cases of chicken pox in school. Please watch your child for the following symptoms:

- Incubation Period: Symptoms usually appear 14-16 days after exposure.
- Common Signs and Symptoms: Rash that first appears on the trunk (stomach and back) and spreads to the face, arms and legs. The rash appears to be small water blisters. Your child may have a fever or stomach ache for the few days before the rash appears.

In a day or two, the rash will form crusts that will remain for a few days. As the blisters spread, some will be healing as new ones appear. Your child needs to remain home until all the blisters are crusted over (they are contagious until that time).

Many children have received the chicken pox vaccine; however children who have been vaccinated may develop a milder case with only a few lesions and may not feel ill at all.

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 would be most grateful if you could notify the school office if your child has chicken pox. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

We appreciate your understanding on this and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Kind Regards,

P.P.

Mrs C. Dickinson