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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have recently identified a case of chickenpox in your child's class. As a precautionary measure, I want to provide you with some important information about chickenpox and the steps you can take to protect your child.

**What is chickenpox?** Chickenpox is a common childhood illness caused by the varicella-zoster virus. It typically presents with fever and cold symptoms, followed by the appearance of a characteristic itchy rash. The rash starts as small pink bumps and develops into water blisters that eventually crust over. While most cases are mild, complications can occur, especially in adults or individuals with weakened immune systems.

**Why should you be concerned?** While chickenpox is usually a mild illness in healthy children, it can be more severe in adults and those with compromised immune systems. Pregnant women who contract chickenpox during early pregnancy may also be at risk of complications.

**What should you do if your child has not had chickenpox before?**

1. **Monitor your child:** Watch for symptoms, which usually appear 10 to 21 days after exposure.
2. **Contact your child's doctor:** If you suspect your child has chickenpox, please call your doctor to confirm the diagnosis.

**Can your child attend school?** Many children with chickenpox are too unwell to attend school. If your child has chickenpox, please keep them at home until the last pox has crusted and dried. This helps prevent further spread of the virus.

**What if your child has a weakened immune system?** If your child has a weakened immune system (e.g., due to a medical condition or medication), please contact your child's GP or hospital consultant. They will provide specific guidance based on your child's health status.

We are taking necessary precautions at school to minimise the risk of further transmission. Our cleaning protocols have been increased, and we are closely monitoring the situation. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,

Aron Bradley  
Headteacher