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Dear Year R & 1 Parents and Carers

### Case of Chickenpox

We have been informed that there is a case of chicken pox in Early Years and year 1 and thought it wise to inform you as it could potentially be harmful to an unborn child.

We understand that chickenpox can affect the pregnancy of a woman who has not previously had the disease. If a pregnant woman, who has not had chicken pox, is exposed early in pregnancy (the first 20 weeks) or very late in pregnancy (the last 3 weeks before birth) she should promptly inform her GP and whoever is giving her anti-natal care who would do a blood test to check she is immune.

If your child gets chickenpox please stay away from school until all of the blisters have dried up and scabbed over. This usually happens five or six days after the rash first appears.

Your child may continue to have spots on their skin for another week or two, but are no longer contagious if the spots are dry and scabby.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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