

Newtown Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been informed that several children who attend Newtown Primary School/nursery have been diagnosed with suspected chickenpox.

Chickenpox is usually a mild illness and children usually get better by themselves. Children with chickenpox should stay off school for at least five days from onset of rash and until all the lesions have crusted over.

Children who have had chickenpox recently may develop complications if they also catch scarlet fever. Parents should remain vigilant for symptoms in children who have had chickenpox such as:

- a persistent high fever
- 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 assistance promptly. If your child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.

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

Mrs Chesney-Ly
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