



6<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Chickenpox**

We would like to inform you that several cases of **chickenpox (varicella)** have recently been reported among students at Manor Drive Primary Academy. While this is a common childhood illness, it can spread easily from person to person.

We are asking all parents and guardians to **monitor their children for symptoms** of chickenpox, which may include:

- Fever
- Tiredness or irritability
- Loss of appetite
- An itchy, blister-like rash that usually starts on the chest, back, and face before spreading

The NHS website has more information available by clicking on this link [Chickenpox - NHS](#)

If your child develops any of these symptoms, please **keep them at home** and contact your healthcare provider for advice. Children should remain at home until all spots have crusted over and they are feeling well enough to return to school.

To help prevent further spread, we are reminding students about good hygiene practices, including regular handwashing and avoiding close contact with others if feeling unwell.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep our school community healthy and safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs E Marks  
Headteacher