



Edgewood Primary School

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To parents/carers of KS1 children

Dear parents/carers

We have been made aware of an isolated incident of measles and a separate isolated incident of chickenpox within KS1. These children are not in school currently and all relevant precautions have been taken.

Due to the MMR vaccination, cases of measles are rare but are on the increase in the UK. Symptoms of measles include aching and feeling unwell, high fever, a rash (which sometimes starts behind the ears), sore red eyes, a cough, and a runny nose. The disease usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. Children who develop any of these symptoms should seek medical advice for a confirmed diagnosis. They should then remain off school for 4 days from the onset of the rash.

Symptoms of chickenpox include a high temperature, an itchy rash which can develop anywhere on the body and small spots which develop into blisters. Children who develop signs of chickenpox should remain away from school until all blisters have crusted over.

Measles is a preventable disease with vaccination, so please ensure your child is up to date with their childhood immunisations.

This communication is being sent out as a precaution only.

Children will not need to be kept off school unless they have symptoms - please seek medical advice if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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Head Teacher



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