



12th November 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Measles, chickenpox and shingles

Please may we ask for your co-operation in an important matter.

One of our students is receiving medical treatment which puts them at **high risk** if they are exposed to measles, chickenpox or shingles.

Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles, chicken pox or shingles or if someone in the household has shingles. You should report this to the attendance team by phoning the school number, 01282 863970, and selecting the option to report an absence.

Our student is also at risk from chickenpox and would need to be given an injection within three days of contact. If your child is suspected of having chickenpox, you should let us know immediately.

Please see the attached guidance related to illness absences.

Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well-being of our student who is at risk does depend on the co-operation of all other parents/carers and we hope you can help us.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely

J Pilkington
Principal

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

Reporting An Absence

If your child is unable to attend school, you **MUST**:

- Contact the school before 9.30am on the first day of absence
- Provide a reason and continue to report daily until they return
- This is essential for safeguarding and accurate attendance records

If you do not make contact and provide a reason for your child's absence, this is automatically recorded as unauthorised and will count towards the 10 absent sessions within a 10-week period that can lead to a penalty notice. There are 2 sessions in the school day (AM & PM), so this is only 5 full school days in any 10 week rolling period.

Education penalty notices can be issued as parents/carers have a legal duty to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. Good attendance is important because missing school damages a student's attainment levels, creates gaps in their learning, and impacts on their school routines.



Please report absences on:



01282 863970