



Chickenpox: School policy

Any person who has not been vaccinated for chickenpox or has not has the disease is considered to be more susceptible of developing chicken pox.

As a reminder, chicken pox is a very contagious disease caused by a virus (varicella). Symptoms of Chickenpox, which usually appear 14-16 days after exposure, include fever, sore throat and achiness. Then a very itchy rash develops which turns into blisters/sores.

Please watch your child/ren for the next 15 days to see if any of these symptoms develop. If your child develops any of these symptoms, please do not send your child to school. Contact your child's pediatrician so he/she can confirm that it is chickenpox.

A child who is diagnosed with chickenpox cannot return to school until all blisters/sores have scabbed over (about seven days after the rash appears) and has a doctor's note stating that he/she is okay to return to school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your pediatrician.