

# WINGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Chicken Pox

We have a number of cases of chicken pox in school. Although this is not a concern we would just like to share some information and guidance.

How you catch chickenpox;

Chickenpox is caused by a virus that spreads very easily to people who haven't had it before. If you have had it before, you'll usually be immune for life.

The infection is spread in the fluid found in chickenpox blisters and the droplets in the coughs or sneezes of someone with the infection.

Someone with chickenpox is infectious from one or two days before the rash appears until the **blisters have dried out and crusted over.**

Children should return to school as soon as the spots have dried out. Please do not be alarmed if you see a child who still has dried spots as they are not contagious. If we were concerned that a child had returned too early we would send them home.

