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Dear **KAO ACADEMY**

My name is **Leazanne** and I am the Pharmacy Manager at Well **KINGSWOOD HEALTH CENTRE** Pharmacy on **ALMA ROAD**.

We've recently launched a private Chickenpox Vaccination Service and I wanted to make you, and all of your children's parents and carers, aware that we are here to support and provide advice as your local community pharmacy team.

You'll already know Chickenpox is very easy to catch, mostly affecting children but adults can catch it too if they've never had it before. It is very itchy and uncomfortable, and usual gets better after a week. But you never know how you are going to react to the virus, and unfortunately in some cases people can have a severe reaction or a bad case of the pox.

### **Our Chickenpox Vaccination Service available today**

At participating Well pharmacies we offer the Chickenpox Vaccination Service. This vaccination is available on the NHS to qualifying children and adults if they are at risk due to a weakened immune system, or there is a chance they may put others close to them at risk.

I am pleased to tell you my pharmacy offers this private clinic for children age 2+ and adults, giving those who want to the chance to get protected against Chickenpox. Each patient will need two doses to be fully protected. Full details about our private Chickenpox Vaccination Service can be found on our website: <https://www.well.co.uk/vaccinations/chickenpox>

I would also like to share some healthcare tips for parents, carers or anyone in your **SCHOOL** to use should someone catch Chickenpox:

- Make sure they drink plenty of fluids
- Take paracetamol to ease any discomfort and pain
- Put socks on child's hands to help stop scratching and make sure their nails are cut short
- Speak to your local pharmacist for advice about the best cooling creams, gels and about using antihistamines to help with the itching
- Bathe in cool water and pat dry – do not rub!
- Wear loose clothing

Kind regards,

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