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Dear Parent / Carer

You may have seen reported in the media and our recent newsletters that there has been a rise in confirmed Measles cases in the West Midlands. While the risk of Measles is considered small, schools in the region have been asked to share with parents the latest government guidance and to remind parents of the importance of ensuring your child is fully vaccinated.

About Measles

Measles (rubeola) is a viral disease that spreads through the air when a person talks, coughs or sneezes. There isn't a medical treatment for Measles and the virus must run its course. The best protection against Measles is to receive the Measles vaccine.

Symptoms

The most common Measles symptoms include:

- High temperature
- Runny or blocked nose
- Cough and sneezing
- Red, watery eyes
- White spots inside the mouth
- Red rash appearing 3-5 days after symptoms begin

If you think your child has Measles

- See your GP or contact NHS 111
- Stay at home for **at least four days after a rash develops** to avoid spreading the infection
- Please inform school of this reason for your child's absence

If your child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.

Vaccination programme

Vaccination UK has been instructed by NHS England to administer the MMR vaccination to all school aged children who are outstanding one or both doses. The MMR would have first been given at the age of 1 year, and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. If your child is outstanding one or both doses of the MMR, please contact Vaccination UK on 01384 431712 to make an appointment. This will be at an alternative venue and NOT at the school.



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There are also local pop up vaccination clinics offering the vaccine, details of which can be found [here](#).

Vaccinations UK are also able to administer the MMR to any adult who requires either dose. Please check the NHS app to see if you are eligible prior to calling.

Importance of school attendance

Unless your child has a suspected case of Measles, it is essential for their education that they continue to attend school as normal.

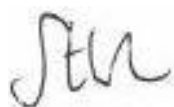
We will be maintaining robust cleaning regimes in school as well as promoting regular hand washing throughout the day. If you have any questions or concerns around this, please contact the school office.

Further information

You can find more information in the guidance [here](#) and further advice can also be obtained from the West Midlands Health Protection Team on 0344 225 3560 during office hours.

If you are unsure if your child has received the MMR vaccine, please contact your local GP.

Yours sincerely



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