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Dear Parent or Guardian

Re: Ensuring that your child is protected against measles

You may be aware that there has been an increase in the number of measles cases in England with some local outbreaks. Measles can cause complications like ear infections, diarrhoea, pneumonia and convulsions, and can rarely be fatal. Measles spreads very easily. It can spread to an unprotected person if they spend 15 minutes with someone who has the disease. So a national catch-up programme has been launched to ensure that 10 – 16 year old children receive two doses of MMR vaccine.

Two doses of MMR vaccine offer the best and safest way to protect children against measles, mumps and rubella.

There is more information on measles on the [NHS Choices](#) website.

In light of the continuing measles activity across the country, please check that your child had received two doses of MMR vaccines in the past. If not or if in doubt, we strongly recommend that you take your child to your GP surgery to have the first dose of MMR vaccine now and the second dose one month later.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to ensure your child is fully protected.

Yours sincerely



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