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Dear Parent

Re: Measles cases

You are probably aware of the media publicity on measles outbreak in Wales and the increasing numbers of cases in England.

The vast majority of cases are currently being confirmed in school age children who haven't received two doses of MMR vaccine.

Measles is highly infectious and can cause serious childhood illness in some children. If your child becomes unwell with a high temperature, runny nose, red sore eyes, white spots on the inside of the mouth or a rash of small spots on the body, please seek medical advice. Parents taking children to the GPs, or any health care setting, with suspected measles should always inform the receptionist so they can ensure that other patients are not exposed to measles.

The best way to fully protect your child against measles is to ensure that they have received 2 doses of MMR vaccine. The first dose is usually given at around 12 months and the second around the time of school entry.

Please check your child's vaccination status in the Personal Child Health Record ('Red book'). **If they have not already had 2 doses of vaccine, we strongly urge you to have your child immunised through your General Practitioner.**

For further information, please go to:

<http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/Measles/GeneralInformation/>

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

If you have any questions about this letter or about MMR vaccine, please contact your own GP.

Yours sincerely

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