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Dear Parent/Guardian,

There have recently been a small number of confirmed measles cases in West Yorkshire. Measles spreads easily and in rare cases can lead to serious illness including ear infections, pneumonia, and inflammation of the brain which require hospitalisation. On very rare occasions infection can lead to long term disability or death.

The best way to protect your child is to get them vaccinated. The MMR vaccine is safe and effective. It offers lifelong protection against measles as well as mumps and rubella. It is never too late to vaccinate your child because measles may have serious complications regardless of their age. More information about the MMR vaccine can be found here:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/
(or by scanning the below QR code with your mobile phone's camera)



The NHS are offering the MMR vaccination to children who have not previously received two doses of the vaccine. This can be accessed through your GP surgery or at one of our clinics in the summer holidays.

For further information or to book an appointment with us, contact the school immunisation team on **01924 310133**. Or alternatively contact your GP surgery.

It is also important to be aware of the symptoms of measles. These can include:

- high fever
- sore, red, watery eyes
- coughing

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- aching and feeling generally unwell
- a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

More information about measles is on the NHS website here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Anyone with symptoms that could be measles should stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice. Please do not visit the surgery or A&E as measles spreads very quickly and easily and so it is important to try and prevent the illness spreading further.

People with symptoms should also especially try to stay away from areas where you could come into contact with vulnerable people such as schools, nurseries, or care homes.

Yours sincerely,

The School Immunisation Team