



Dear Parents,

As you are aware there have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. Unfortunately, guidance suggests that there is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The NHS has the following advice for parents on measles:

- [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents, nurseries and schools.

Meanwhile in order for us to prepare for the eventuality of a confirmed case of measles in our school please can you **let us know immediately** if your child has **not** had both MMR vaccination doses. (Typically given to children at 12 months and 3 years 4 months old).

The risk to an unvaccinated pupil is high and we will need this information in order to make decisions quickly about managing cases. You will find this information in your child's red book or by confirming with your GP.

Thank you for your co operation with this matter. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us immediately.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A.Rourke