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Dear Parents and Carers,

The following is an update from Nottinghamshire Local Authority on measles. Please read this and the associated attachment:

Measles is now circulating in England and the World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned that Europe is likely to see an increase of infections and is urging action to increase vaccination rates. Childhood Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination rates are declining locally and nationally, and parents/carers are being encouraged to check their child/children's vaccination status (this can be done by checking their red book or contacting their GP surgery) and arranging for one or both vaccinations.

It is not just children who are at risk - there are also adults who may have missed out on one or both doses of the MMR vaccination. This may be staff at school and parents and carers, and all adults are being encouraged to consider checking their vaccination status. This is particularly important for vulnerable adults with compromised immune systems.

Please take a moment to consider the attached simple guide for vigilance and action should you suspect a case of measles. Please always ensure that you check and inform the School Office when you suspect illness before bringing your child into school. Sharing is not caring in cases of illness and infection.

Regards

JC School Office