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## *"Excellence, Truth and Grace"*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have received the following Measles information and advice from Public Health England:

Measles is circulating in Greater Manchester in addition to other areas in the country. The message to parents is to Contact your GP for a free MMR vaccine if you, your children and teenagers haven't had 2 doses. Measles is extremely infectious. For people who have symptoms of measles the advice is to ring your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible to get advice on what to do next. Further information on symptoms of measles is on the link below.

The link for further information on measles is here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

The link below gives information about the current national position and information on the recent outbreaks. There has been a link in some cases to outbreaks in other countries such as Romania, Italy and Germany so there have been messages for people travelling to and from these countries

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/measles-outbreaks-confirmed-in-leeds-liverpool-and-birmingham>

### Dr Will Welfare, Consultant in Health Protection with Public Health England:

"While most people who catch measles will recover completely within a couple of weeks, it's important to remember measles can be a very serious illness that can leave permanent disability, and occasionally even kill.

"I would appeal to any parents who have not yet had their children vaccinated to get them protected as soon as possible through their GP. Children should receive two doses of MMR vaccine for maximum protection. MMR not only protects them, but also limits the chances of the virus spreading more widely, for example to children who are too young to have the vaccine and to adults who may be more vulnerable to the disease. MMR is a highly effective and safe vaccine."



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# Measles is circulating

- measles is extremely infectious and can be serious
- Make sure your children get two MMR vaccines on time; the first at 1 year of age and the second at 3 years, 4 months
- If you or your children missed these vaccines, it's not too late. Ask for the free vaccine from your family doctor (GP) if you or your children aren't up-to-date
- if you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others
- symptoms include: high fever; sore red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the first symptoms
- go to **nhs.uk** for more measles information

## Symptoms

Rash



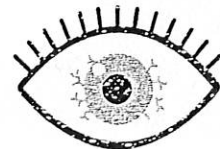
Temperature



Runny Nose



Red Eyes



Cough

