

Schools Vaccination Team
Measles Mumps & Rubella Vaccination (MMR)

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Dear Parent or Guardian

Re: Protecting your child against measles

You may be aware that there has been an increase in the number of measles cases in England, with some local outbreaks this year. Measles usually causes a runny nose, red eyes, cough, high temperature and rash. It can also cause complications including ear infections, diarrhoea, pneumonia and convulsions. Very serious complications, such as inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) are rare, but can be fatal.

MMR vaccine provides safe and effective protection against measles, mumps and rubella, in particular from the serious consequences of measles.

As part of Public Health England's catch-up programme aimed at halting the increase in measles nationally, the vaccination course will be available in your child's school during the Spring Term. The dates will be arranged by the Cambridgeshire Schools Vaccination Team directly with the school.

If your child has not received the complete MMR vaccination course of two doses, (they may have received one or neither dose, but it is important that your child has two doses in order to get the best protection from measles) this will be available in school. Contact your GP's surgery if you are unsure of your child's MMR vaccination history.

If you would like your child to receive their MMR vaccination/s in school, please obtain an information pack from school, complete the consent form and return it to school within five days of receipt.

If you need further information regarding the MMR vaccinations, please contact Jackie Deverell on 07816175038 or Nicky Srahan on 07984336354.

Yours faithfully

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