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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Measles outbreaks**

You will have seen in the news that there have been serious outbreaks of measles in Wales over the last month. Outbreaks are now occurring widely in England, with teenagers being those most affected. This is because many of them missed out on their MMR vaccinations in the late 1990s and early 2000s when the vaccine was mistakenly linked to cases of autism.

These outbreaks are a serious concern with up to a million children and young teenagers potentially vulnerable to infection, especially as children of this age are going into secondary school where the spread of infection is much more likely to happen.

With this letter is a flyer describing the disease and the benefits of the MMR vaccination. It also answers some common questions about measles and the vaccine. We hope it helps you decide on getting your child vaccinated against measles (as well as mumps and rubella). The vaccination is free on the NHS and will be available from your GP. Contact your GP as soon as possible to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Reynolds  
Head Teacher

