



Thursday 29th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Important – Confirmed Case of Measles in Year 3

Further to my letter on Tuesday, I have had confirmation from public health of the measles case in Year 3. This has implications for any staff and children who have not had at least one of the measles / MMR jabs but have potentially had contact with the confirmed case.

When in school, children mix with each other across classes and year groups, and this means that **any children in Years 3 and 4 who have not had at least one measles jab must stay away from school for a total of 21 days from their last contact with the child.**

The child was last in school on Friday 23rd February – this means unvaccinated children must stay off school for 21 days from that date. They can therefore return to school on Monday 18th March

Please note: This is the advice from the UK Health and Protection Agency and must be followed. Unvaccinated children in Years 3 and 4 cannot come into school during this exclusion period of 21 days.

- **Anyone who has received at least one of the jabs is considered vaccinated and not to be at risk. They can continue to attend school as normal.**

I advise all Year 3 and 4 parents to now monitor their children closely for any signs or symptoms of measles. These can include:

- cold-like symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, sneezing and cough
- red, sore watery eyes
- high temperature (fever) which may reach around 40°C / 104°F
- a non-itchy, red-brown rash usually appears 3-5 days later (sometimes starts around the ears before spreading to rest of the body). Spots may be raised and join to form blotchy patches – which may be harder to see on darker skin tones

If you suspect your child may have measles and they have clear symptoms (this will likely only be unvaccinated children), please do not attend your GP practice – instead phone them so that they can advise you and confirm whether or not your child has got measles.

If you have confirmation your child has measles, please inform us straight away so that we can act quickly to prevent an outbreak in school. PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM INTO SCHOOL.

I understand the inconvenience and anxiety that this may cause to families, however we must prioritise the safety of our community and follow the advice that we are given as a school. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

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Head Teacher