



Tuesday 30th January 2024

Measles in year 5

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to share that we have had a **case of Measles in Year 5**. Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious problems in some people. Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent it.

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. A rash usually appears a few days after the cold-like symptoms.

If your child has a temperature, we encourage you to keep them off until they are feeling well enough to return to school. It's very unlikely to be measles if you've had both doses of the MMR vaccine or you've had measles before.

If a rash appears, please seek further medical advice by contacting 111. NHS guidance states that you should stay off nursery or school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. After this period, pupils are able to return if they are feeling better.

If your child does develop a rash and measles has been confirmed, please contact the school office to notify them of the reasons why your child is not in school. They will confirm the date that your child can return.

We have put extra measures in place to reduce the transmission of this disease. This includes extra handwashing throughout the day and wiping down of surfaces.

Further information on Measles can be found on the NHS website.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Yours sincerely,

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