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Dear Parents and Carers

Measles, Mumps and Rubella Information

I have received some information from Public Health that I would like to share with you regarding Measles, Mumps and Rubella.

Over the last two weeks there have been several cases in the city, and it is important to raise awareness in schools. Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination in Nottingham is lower (75.1%) than the average for both the East Midlands (85.7%) and England (84.5%) averages. We should be aiming for the World Health Organisation herd immunity threshold of 95% uptake across the population.

The NHS has launched a catch-up campaign for those who have missed one or both of their MMR vaccines.

Nottingham City Council Public Health are encouraging all those who have missed one or both vaccinations, either children or adults, to call their GP to book an appointment for a catch-up vaccination.

It is important that teachers, support staff and parents and carers can recognise the symptoms of measles, which include a high fever, sore or red watery eyes, coughing, aching, feeling generally unwell and a blotchy red brown rash which usually appears after initial symptoms.

If you or your child have any symptoms of measles, you are encouraged to stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. You should follow the advice of your GP or NHS 111 and not visit surgeries or hospital emergency departments face-to-face unless told by a clinician to do so.

It is important that your child remains off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Irons'.

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