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Dear Parent/Guardian

## PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Measles Vaccine – please discard this letter if your child has already had their 2 Doses of the MMR Vaccine.

You may have seen in the news Measles cases are rising. Cases have been seen across all regions in England, with children being the ones mostly affected. This is because many of them have missed out on the opportunity to have their MMR vaccinations for numerous reasons. If your child has only had 1 dose it is vital that they receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose to be protected.

The rising cases of measles are a serious concern and infection will spread guickly.

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 at a pop-up clinic or from your GP. Please contact us on the number below to complete a verbal consent form over the phone. We can then arrange for your child to receive the vaccine as soon as possible at a clinic in your local area.

Please call 0333 358 3397 then please select the area you live in.

Measles cases are rising. There is no specific treatment for Measles and the MMR vaccination gives the best possible protection against illness

Yours sincerely

School Immunisation Team

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