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Dear Parents

Wiltshire Council have asked us to share the following information with all our parents:

Nationally there is an increase in Measles cases. To help reduce the risk of further measles cases UKHSA is advising everyone to be alert to signs and symptoms and urge people to check their families are fully vaccinated against measles, as vaccines are our best line of defence against diseases like measles and help stop outbreaks occurring in the community.

We are encouraging people to check that they and their children have had two doses of the MMR vaccine. You can check your child's personal child health record (PCHR), known as the red book, or contact your GP practice. It is never too late to catch up, it is better to have vaccines on time, but you can still catch up on most vaccines if you miss them.

The MMR vaccine is free on the NHS, whatever your age. If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.

Speak to your GP surgery if:

You think you or your child has missed any vaccinations

You need to change a vaccine appointment

At any age, you're not sure if you or your child has had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools, and can be a very unpleasant illness and in some children can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation – and in rare cases tragically can cause death.

Measles symptoms to be aware of include:

high fever

sore, red, watery eyes

coughing

aching and feeling generally unwell

a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

Kind Regards

Mark Solomon

'Be a light for all to see' Matthew 5:16