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To all parents/ Carers,

## Information from Public Health

The World Health Organisation has confirmed that the **UK has lost its "measles-free" status** following a rise in [measles](#) cases from autumn 2023 to summer 2024. This means the virus is circulating in the UK.

**Why this matters?** Measles is highly infectious and spreads easily in nurseries, schools and play settings.

While most children recover well, it can cause serious complications.

The MMRV vaccine offers the best protection against measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox

### What you can do now

1. **Check your child's vaccinations:** Look in your child's Red Book or contact your GP to confirm they've had both doses.
2. **Book any missed doses:** Catch-up is available at any age - contact your GP for an appointment.
3. **Remember the vaccine is free:** All eligible children and adults can get the MMRV vaccine on the NHS at no cost.
4. **Two doses = strong protection:** Two doses provide 99% protection against measles and helps to prevent outbreaks.

### Reliable information

- NHS/UKHSA leaflet: [MMR for all: general leaflet - GOV.UK](#)
- UKHSA blog: [MMRV vaccination: a guide for parents and carers - GOV.UK](#)

We have updated our [Childhood vaccines postcard](#) to reflect MMRV becoming part of the routine immunisation schedule.

If you have questions about vaccination, your GP or health visitor can help.

Yours Sincerely

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Headteacher

