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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Important information regarding the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination

There have recently been a small number of confirmed measles cases in the Bradford area. Measles spreads easily and in rare cases can lead to serious illness including ear infections, pneumonia, and inflammation of the brain which require hospitalisation. On very rare occasions infection can lead to long term disability or death.

The best way to protect your child is to get them vaccinated. The MMR vaccine is safe and effective. It offers lifelong protection against measles as well as mumps and rubella. It is never too late to vaccinate your child because measles may have serious complications regardless of their age. More information about the MMR vaccine can be found here: www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/

Your child should have received 2 doses to be fully protected. If you're unsure we recommend you give consent. Once the team have received your child's consent, we will check your child's health record and if they are outstanding either 1 or 2 doses, the team will be in touch to arrange an appointment in school or a clinic in your local area.

How to give consent, follow the steps below:

Steps for completing your child's online consent:

- 1. Enter the following link into your web browser:**
www.bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/MMR
- 2. Enter and confirm your preferred email address** – you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.
- 3. Enter your school code – BF140358**
- 4. Complete and submit the consent form.**

If you are having difficulty completing the electronic consent, contact the school immunisation team on **01274 221269**. The team will be happy to take a telephone consent and answer any queries.

It is also important to be aware of the symptoms of measles. These can 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.

More information about measles is on the NHS website here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Anyone with symptoms that could be measles should stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice. Please do not visit the surgery or A&E as measles spreads very quickly and easily and so it is important to try and prevent the illness spreading further.

People with symptoms should also especially try to stay away from areas where you could come into contact with vulnerable people such as schools, nurseries, or care homes.

Yours Sincerely,
Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust
School Immunisations Team