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To: Parents/Carers of pupils at St James' CE Primary School, SE16

Measles

We are writing to update you on measles at your child's school. We have been notified this week of further cases so there are now 4 confirmed and 1 probable case of measles in the school.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is the safest way to protect you against these diseases that can have serious complications.

MMR vaccination

We strongly recommend that all children at the school are up-to-date with their MMR vaccine.

Children routinely receive their first dose at one year of age and their second dose from 18 months or pre-school (three years four months – 5 years old).

If your child has not yet received two doses of the MMR vaccine or you are unsure, please arrange for them to receive these through your GP or practice nurse as soon as possible.

The school nursing team are planning a drop-in MMR session at the school on Friday 17th May. Further details will follow next week.

Further Information

If your child has a weakened immune system (i.e. is immunocompromised) please contact your doctor for advice and also let us know.

If you think that your child may have measles, please contact your doctor. Please phone ahead so you don't pass the illness to other people in the waiting room.

Children with suspected measles remain infectious for about four days after onset of the rash and should be kept away from school until after this time.

You can find more information about measles and MMR vaccination on the NHS Choices website (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>).

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact South London Health Protection Team on the above telephone number.

Yours faithfully,

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