

Date 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Cases of Mumps at [name of] School

We have been informed that there are suspected cases of mumps linked to your school. Public Health England has provided the following advice.

Parents of children who have not received 2 doses of MMR vaccination as part of their childhood immunisation programme should consider the MMR vaccine for their child. MMR vaccine is safe, and provides effective protection against three diseases – measles, mumps and rubella. The first dose of MMR is given soon after the first birthday. A second dose is normally given before school entry. Two doses of MMR are required to produce satisfactory protection against measles, mumps and rubella.

For your information, the symptoms of mumps include swelling of the parotid glands, more general symptoms often develop a few days before the parotid glands swell. These can include headache, joint pain, feeling sick, dry mouth, mild abdominal pain, feeling tired, loss of appetite and a high fever.

Further information on the MMR vaccine can be found on the NHS choices website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

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Yours Faithfully