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Measles in the Newport area

Dear Parent/Guardian

Measles is highly infectious and is generally spread from person to person by coughs and sneezes.

Early symptoms include:

- a high temperature
- cough
- conjunctivitis (painful, red eyes)
- and sometimes small white spots on the inside of the mouth.

A red, blotchy rash appears approximately 3 to 4 days later which usually begins on the face and spreads down over the rest of the body.

If your child develops symptoms of a fever and rash, you should keep them off school and seek further advice from your GP.

MMR vaccination is the best means of providing protection against measles. If children have not had the full course of two MMR vaccines, they may not be fully protected.

The School Health Nurse is in the school on 22/06/2017 offering MMR to the children who have been identified from our records as requiring MMR.

General information on measles disease may be obtained from the website, <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/page/66907>.

Yours sincerely,

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