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## **RE: Measles**

Dear Parents,

You may be aware that since last year measles cases have been significantly rising across the country. Whilst there are currently no outbreaks in Sandwell, or at Hall Green, there have been a number of confirmed cases across the West Midlands.

Public Health have advised that this is linked to the fact that there has been a nationwide drop in the number of individuals vaccinated against measles (MMR vaccine). In Sandwell, only 86.9% of individuals are fully vaccinated and they aim for at least 95% to consider there to be a good level of immunity.

Public Health are therefore urging all parents to check their child's immunisation records to ensure they have not missed their first and second dose of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine. If your child has missed either of these, Public Health are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGING** anybody who has not had the MMR vaccine to get this ASAP. There are pop up clinics around Sandwell or you can call 111/contact your GP. If you are not sure whether you are vaccinated then the advice is to ring your GP.

The symptoms for measles are similar to other winter bugs/Scarlet Fever. Therefore, please don't panic if your child does have symptoms. However, if they have had the vaccine then please be assured these symptoms mean your child will NOT have measles and the symptoms will be related to something else.

Given the possibility of an outbreak, Public Health have asked schools to try to gather information about the vaccination status of its pupils and staff ASAP. Whilst we cannot compel you to share this, if you are willing to do so please complete these form for EACH CHILD you have at our school:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yZwIDK7veEKogqto-J800PZ0H7Sej5lChZ0eI59lI\\_fxUQjRNUjgyRVZNRllFQUkiU0syUIBGNFAwMC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yZwIDK7veEKogqto-J800PZ0H7Sej5lChZ0eI59lI_fxUQjRNUjgyRVZNRllFQUkiU0syUIBGNFAwMC4u)

The information used will only be used in the event that we have a confirmed case of measles at the school and we have to work with Public Health to support contact tracing.

If a child has been a close contact of somebody who has been CONFIRMED as positive for Measles, they may be asked to isolate for 21 days if they are not vaccinated. Therefore, please do consider having the MMR jab ASAP.

If you have any questions then please let us know.

Mrs MacDiarmid