

LETTER FROM WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL

Dear Parents / Carers

You may have noticed the recent BBC news coverage on the increase in measles outbreaks <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cqee2qz4vk1t>. Measles is a highly infectious disease, especially within schools, and can be very serious.

NHS England has launched a national MMR catch-up campaign. Over the next few months, children aged 6 to 11 who are missing one or two doses of the MMR vaccine will be invited to contact their GP practice to check their immunisation history and book an appointment for the MMR vaccination. [Your local Children's Immunisation Team](#) will also be holding local community clinics for 6- to 11-year-olds.

You can find more information about measles and the MMR vaccination below:
<https://vaccineknowledge.ox.ac.uk/measles> (with google translate to select your preferred language)
[MEASLES - Don't let your child catch it - Schools version \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
[MMR vaccination \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

You can find out more information about measles from the following guidance;

- [Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles:

- [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents, nurseries and schools.

As previously we will work with our Public Health colleagues to support you as required. If you do have any queries or questions about measles please do contact us - schoolscriticalincidents@westberks.gov.uk
Kind regards,

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