



# Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

## **RE: Important Information Regarding Measles Outbreak in Oxfordshire**

I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you today with some important information regarding a recent measles outbreak in our locality, as shared by the Oxfordshire County Council.

First and foremost, I want to assure you that the health and safety of our students and staff members are of utmost priority to us here at Radley CE Primary School. We are closely monitoring the situation and taking all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of measles within our school community.

The Oxfordshire County Council has reported several confirmed cases of measles in our area. Measles is a highly contagious viral infection that can cause severe complications, especially in young children. As responsible parents, it is essential that we work together to protect our children from contracting this illness.

To safeguard the health and well-being of our students, it is crucial that we all remain vigilant and follow the recommended guidelines provided by the health authorities. Here are some key points to keep in mind:

1. **Vaccination:** Ensuring that your child is up to date with their measles vaccination is the most effective way to prevent the disease. If your child has not yet received the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine, I strongly encourage you to contact your healthcare provider to schedule an appointment.
2. **Symptoms:** It is important to familiarise yourself with the symptoms of measles. These may include high fever, cough, runny nose, red and watery eyes, and a rash that starts on the face and spreads to the rest of the body. If your child exhibits any of these symptoms, please seek medical advice promptly.
3. **Hygiene Practices:** Emphasize the importance of good hygiene practices with your child, including frequent handwashing with soap and water, covering their mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and avoiding close contact with individuals who show signs of illness.
4. **Reporting Cases:** If your child is diagnosed with measles or has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, please inform the school immediately. This will enable us to take appropriate measures to prevent further spread within our school community.

Rest assured, we are working closely with the local health authorities and will continue to monitor the situation closely. We will provide updates and any further guidance as necessary.

*Jesus said, "I come to give life - life in all its fullness," John 10:10*

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are here to support you and ensure the well-being of our students.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Thomas  
Headteacher