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Dear Parents

As you may be aware, there are rapidly rising numbers of measles cases in Greater Manchester, and a national incident has been declared by UKHSA. As a result, I have been asked to undertake a Risk Assessment in school so that we can protect ourselves as much as possible against an outbreak in school. Measles is a serious illness, with one in five children who get the disease having to be admitted to hospital for treatment. It can spread very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools, so if your child has not had his/her MMR jab, it is vital you let me know.

I am asking all parents to send a Dojo message to their class teacher informing them of each child's vaccination status which will be one of the following:

1. Your child is fully vaccinated. (Has had 2 MMR Vaccinations)
2. Your child has received 1 MMR vaccination
3. Your child has not had the MMR vaccination.

I am asking for parents to do this as soon as possible.

To check the immunisation status of a child, you can check the "red book" which has a record of all vaccinations given. If this is not possible, you can contact your GP practice to check your GP record.

There is no specific treatment for Measles and the MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccination gives the best possible protection against illness. Over 99% of those who have two doses of the MMR vaccine will be protected against measles and rubella. The vaccine also provides protection against mumps, which can be very painful.

If your child/ children have not had the MMR vaccination you should receive information soon with details about school based vaccination programmes that will commence shortly.

For further information can be found at:
[Measles | Rochdale Borough Council.](#)

Thank you for your support with this matter

Jackie Harland

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