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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Measles Cases Salford

We would like to inform you and raise awareness that there has been confirmed cases of measles in Salford. Salford City Council are working closely with The Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, Public Health England and GPs to respond to the situation.

Measles is caused by the measles virus and is highly infectious. It begins like a cold with a runny nose, as well as a cough, fever, conjunctivitis (sore, red eyes). After about 2-4 days a rash begins over the face/head before spreading across the rest of the body. Measles is spread to others in the droplets of coughs or sneezes and is easily passed around families and communities if children and adults are unvaccinated. It can affect people of all ages but babies under one, pregnant women, and people with immunosuppression are at greatest risk of serious complications, including pneumonia, ear infections, diarrhoea and encephalitis (swelling of the brain).

We are taking this opportunity to highlight the seriousness of the illness and the importance of MMR vaccination to protect individuals and communities. It is recommended that all adults and children are vaccinated against measles (with the MMR vaccine) just after their first birthday and again at the age of three years and four months. However, it is never too late to be vaccinated – you can be vaccinated at any age. It is of particular importance for people to be fully immunised before travel.

I have enclosed a leaflet and would be grateful if you could take time to read it. More information about this can be found at: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles

For anyone who is unsure whether they are fully vaccinated with MMR, please contact your GP who will be able to advise you and arrange for vaccination if needed.

Yours sincerely

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