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To: Parent/Guardian(s) of children attending schools in Newport

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Measles in the Newport area

I am writing to inform you that Public Health Wales are aware that measles is circulating in the Newport area.

Measles is highly infectious and is generally spread from person to person by coughs and sneezes.

Early symptoms include:

- a high temperature
- cough
- conjunctivitis (painful, red eyes)
- and sometimes small white spots on the inside of the mouth.

A red, blotchy rash appears approximately 3 to 4 days later which usually begins on the face and spreads down over the rest of the body.

If your child develops symptoms of a fever and rash, you should keep them off school and seek further advice from your GP.

MMR vaccination is the best means of providing protection against measles. If children have not had the full course of two MMR vaccines, they may not be fully protected.

General information on measles disease may be obtained from the website, <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/page/66907>.

Information on MMR vaccination is available at <http://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/doityourself/vaccinations/MMR?locale=en>

Yours sincerely

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