



Dear Parent/Carer

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Re: Mumps**

We have been notified of a confirmed case of mumps for one of our students over the Easter break in which a five day contagious period was advised. The student did not return until the end of the first week back after the break. This was a while ago however, I wanted to inform you to make you aware.

Mumps is an infectious viral illness and the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is the safest way to protect you against these diseases. I strongly recommend that all students at the school are up-to-date with their MMR vaccine. Children routinely receive their first dose at one year of age and their second dose from three years four months old but there is no upper age limit to receive the vaccine.

If your child has not yet received two doses of the MMR vaccine or you are unsure, please arrange for them to receive these through your GP or practice nurse as soon as possible.

Further information about mumps and MMR vaccination may be sought from NHS Choices at: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mumps>

If you think that your child may have mumps, please contact your GP. Children with suspected mumps should be kept away from school until five days after the onset of swelling.

Yours sincerely

Robert White  
Principal