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To: Parents/Carers of pupils at Bexley Grammar School, DA16 2BL

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Measles

We have been notified of a pupil with probable measles who attends Bexley Grammar School, DA16 2BL. Measles is a highly infectious viral illness and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is the safest way to protect you against these diseases that can have serious complications.

MMR vaccination

We strongly recommend that all children 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.

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

If your child has a weakened immune system (i.e. is immunocompromised) please contact your GP for advice.

If you think that your child may have measles, please contact your doctor. Children with suspected measles <u>remain infectious for about four days after onset of the rash</u> and should be kept away from school until after this time.

An information sheet on measles is attached or further information about measles and MMR vaccination may be sought from NHS Choices at: http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact South London Health Protection Team on the above telephone number.

Yours faithfully,

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