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Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to inform you about the signs and symptoms of measles in children. We currently have a student with a serious health condition, for whom contact with measles could lead to serious and potentially threatening complications.

Most children will have been vaccinated against measles as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme, if you have any queries regarding this please contact your GP surgery.

The initial symptoms of measles develop around 10 days after a child has been infected. These symptoms can include:

- Cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, sneezing and a cough
- Sore, red eyes that may be sensitive to light
- A high temperature (fever), which may reach around 40C (104F)
- Small greyish-white spots on the inside of the cheeks

A few days later, a red-brown blotch rash will appear. This usually starts on the head or upper neck before spreading outwards to the rest of the body.

You should contact your GP as soon as possible if you suspect that you or your child may have measles. Please can parents also notify the school.

If you require any further information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Thank you for your support and understanding.

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