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To all Parents/Carers of  
Children aged 10 – 16 years

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Dear Parent/Carer

You will have seen that measles is in the news again. We are writing to you to highlight the importance of protecting your child against this disease. The reason for this is that measles can be a very serious disease. In some people it leads to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea and damage to the brain. Measles can kill.

There have been outbreaks in Wales and parts of England, and the number of children catching measles is rising. It is possible that outbreaks will spread to other parts of the country including Nottinghamshire.

Your child is at risk from measles if s/he has not had the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination. Normally the MMR vaccination consists of a first dose at about 13 months and a second dose after the third birthday. If your child has not received these doses, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated. If you can't remember if your child has had the MMR vaccination, you can check his/her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, please speak to your GP.

Yours sincerely,

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