



24th June 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Cases of Mumps at Waseley Hills High School

We have been informed that there have been two cases of mumps linked to your school. Public Health England has provided the following advice.

Parents of children who have not received 2 doses of MMR vaccination as part of their childhood immunisation programme should consider the MMR vaccine for their child. MMR vaccine is safe, and provides effective protection against three diseases – measles, mumps and rubella. The first dose of MMR is given soon after the first birthday. A second dose is normally given before school entry. Two doses of MMR are required to produce satisfactory protection against measles, mumps and rubella.

For your information, the symptoms of mumps include swelling of the parotid glands, more general symptoms often develop a few days before the parotid glands swell. These can include headache, joint pain, feeling sick, dry mouth, mild abdominal pain, feeling tired, loss of appetite and a high fever.

Attached is a fact sheet about mumps for your information.

Further information on the MMR vaccine can be found on the NHS choices website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

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Yours sincerely

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