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Dear Parents/carers

## Measles, Chicken Pox and Shingles

Please may we ask for your co-operation in an important matter.

One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for cancer, which makes them more susceptible to infections. They are particularly at risk if they are exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles. Please help us by letting us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles.

If our pupil is exposed to chicken pox they may need to be given an injection, but this must be given within three days of contact. If your child is suspected of having chicken pox, you should let us know immediately. Your child will have been contagious for up to 48 hours before their rash appeared.

It is also important that you let us know if there is measles, chicken pox or shingles in your household.

Our pupil is also at risk from other infections, but generally exposure to coughs and colds can't be avoided. May we take this opportunity to remind you that our policy for diarrhoea and vomiting is that your child must not have had diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours before returning to school.

Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well being of our pupil who is at risk, does depend on the co-operation of all other parents and we hope you can help us.

With many thanks.

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