



**Greater Manchester
School Aged Immunisation Service**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

NURSERY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Measles Vaccine – please discard this letter if your child has already had their first dose of the MMR Vaccine.

You may have seen in the news Measles cases are rising. Cases have been seen across all regions in England, with children being the ones mostly affected. This is because many of them have missed out on the opportunity to have their MMR vaccinations for numerous reasons. If your child has **not had their first dose** at the GP, you can also consent for your child to receive this within the local authority nursery setting they attend as their nursery is attached to the primary school aged immunisation service.

The rising cases of measles are a serious concern and infection will spread quickly.

With this letter is a link describing the disease and the benefits of the MMR vaccination. It also answers some common questions about measles and the vaccine. We hope it helps you decide on getting your child vaccinated against measles (as well as mumps and rubella). The vaccination is **free on the NHS** and will also be available at a pop-up clinic **or from your GP**. Please **contact us on the number below** to complete a **verbal consent** form over the phone. We can then arrange for your child to receive the vaccine as soon as possible at their nursery, or a clinic in your local area if you prefer to attend with your child.

Please call 0333 358 3397 then please select the area you live.

[Measles: protect yourself, protect others - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

School Immunisation Team

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