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Dear Parent/Carer

Please do make sure your child is up to date with their immunisations including the MMR (measles mumps rubella) immunisation during the Easter school break

There has been a significant increase in reports of measles cases in London over the last month.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mmr-vaccination-call-following-recent-measles-cases>

Many school children in Sutton are not fully immunised, and are at risk of catching diseases such as measles, which can spread quickly in nurseries and schools.

During the Easter break, please ensure that your child is up to date with all recommended immunisations by checking their Personal Child Health Record ('the Red Book') or by asking your GP. The routine UK immunisation schedule can be found on

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx>

If your child is not up to date with their immunisations, please contact your **GP practice** as soon as possible to make an appointment. The GP practice will also be able to help you if you are not sure of your child's immunisation status.

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If your child is not registered with a GP, **please register as soon as possible**, and ensure they are given all necessary immunisation to protect them against childhood diseases. All routine childhood immunisations are **free on the NHS**.

If you are concerned or if your child has other medical needs, you can discuss your child's individual circumstances with your own GP and/or Paediatrician.

Immunising your child is the safest, simplest way to protect your child from childhood diseases, so make sure your child does not miss out.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lang', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dr Nicola Lang
Director of Public Health

Further information can be obtained from:

NHS choices- <http://www.nhs.uk/Pages/HomePage.aspx>

How to register with a GP -

<http://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/GP/LocationSearch/4>