

26<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

This information sheet is only intended for people who attended Rochdale 6<sup>th</sup> form College.

Public Health England has been informed that a person who attended Rochdale 6<sup>th</sup> form College at the same time as you/your child has been diagnosed with suspected measles.

**What is measles?**

Measles is a disease which spreads very easily. People with measles can get a cough, runny nose, rash and fever. Measles can be serious, particularly for people whose immune system is not working normally. The best way to prevent measles is through vaccination.

**What is the risk of catching measles?**

Most older children and adults are immune to measles – either because they had measles as a child or because they have been vaccinated – and so are very unlikely to catch measles.

If you are unsure if you are protected from measles, check with your doctor. If you would like more information on measles visit

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

**What if you become unwell?**

**If you/your child becomes unwell and think it could be measles** within three weeks of attending Rochdale 6<sup>th</sup> form College (Between 17<sup>th</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018) you/your child should stay off school and see a doctor. You should ring the doctor or clinic beforehand so they can make sure you do not pass the disease to others in the waiting room. If your doctor diagnoses measles in you/your child, you/your child should not return to school until 4 days after the measles rash first appeared, this will prevent passing the disease on to others in the school.

Take this information sheet with you and tell your doctor that you have been in the same school as someone with infectious measles. Your doctor should seek advice from the local Public Health England Health Protection Team.

Yours sincerely



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