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Re: Possible mumps infection in your child's school

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We have been informed of a possible case of clinical mumps at your child's school and that your child may have been exposed. The best way to protect your child from mumps is with the MMR vaccine.

Please ensure that your child is up to date with their vaccines. The first dose of the MMR is usually given to children at 12 months of age, with a second dose given at 4-5 years of age. If your child is not fully up to date with their vaccines, or if you are unsure, please contact your GP.

Two doses of the MMR vaccine are required to give the best protection. If your child has had two doses of the MMR no further action is required. The MMR vaccine is safe and effective in preventing infection.

Please see the enclosed information leaflet on mumps, or the HPSC website (<http://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/vaccinepreventable/mumps/>), or the National Immunisation website (<http://www.hse.ie/eng/health/Immunisation/hcpinfo/guidelines/>) for further information.

Yours Sincerely

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