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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been informed of a few cases of suspected Mumps within our school. The symptoms of Mumps are initially a swollen face, usually just below the ear, this can cause tenderness and difficulty swallowing; other symptoms can develop after the swelling.

If you suspect that your child has Mumps please don't send them into school but contact your GP, if they suspect Mumps then they will arrange for a swab test to be sent to your home.

For more information regarding Mumps please click on the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mumps/>

Please be assured that we are doing all we can to minimise the spread of germs and have introduced additional enhanced cleaning throughout the school.

We have also contacted our local Health Protection Team; they have advised us to continue to promote good hand hygiene and to encourage everyone (aged one year and over) to have the combined MMR vaccination as per the [national immunisation schedule](#). Please see the link below for further information regarding the MMR.

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to speak to me or contact the school office.

Kind regards

Miss K Martin
Headteacher