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Dear Parents/Carers,

Measles, Chicken Pox and Shingles

I am writing to ask for your cooperation in an important matter concerning the health of one of our pupils at the school, who is currently receiving medical treatment for leukaemia. This treatment means that their immune system is low which puts their health at risk if they are exposed to **measles, chicken pox** or **shingles**. Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles or chicken pox. This is so that we can inform the pupil's family straightaway in order for the child to receive medication quickly.

It is also important that you let us know if someone in your household has shingles. Shingles is the same virus as chicken pox but only affects older adults. However, you can still catch chicken pox from someone with shingles so it may be possible for your child to be infectious without realising while at school.

There is no risk at all for your own child from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of our pupil undergoing treatment is at risk so I hope you can help us with your kind cooperation and commitment in making sure that we are told as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Giacomo Mazza
Headteacher