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	<b>For Action</b>	<b>For Information</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
<b>To: All Lead Practitioners of Children Centres and Nursery Schools</b>	✓		

Dear Colleague

### **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccination**

We are asking for your support to raise awareness of the importance of children receiving two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Measles is in the news again. There have been serious outbreaks in Wales and England and the number of children catching measles is rising. Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill.

A child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination. Two doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection.

If you could use your networks to highlight this leaflet to parents and carers which describes measles and gives advice on the MMR vaccination, it would be greatly appreciated.

MMR leaflet – product code: 3219250

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mmr-for-all-general-leaflet>

More information about the MMR can be found at [NHS Choices](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in highlighting this important public health message to parents and carers.

Yours sincerely

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