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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are writing to inform you that we have been notified of a single, suspected case of mumps within your child's class. We are working closely with health guidelines to ensure our school community remains safe and well.

What is Mumps?

Mumps is a viral infection most recognizable by painful swelling of the glands at the side of the face, under the ears (the parotid glands), giving a 'hamster-like' appearance. Other symptoms include fever, headache, and joint pain.

What Should You Do?

- **Check Immunisations:** Please check your child's red book or contact your GP to ensure they have received both doses of the MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) vaccine, which provides the best protection.
- **Monitor for Symptoms:** Keep a close eye on your child for the next 14 to 25 days. If they develop a fever, facial swelling, or pain in the jaw, please keep them home and contact your GP surgery.
- **Medical Advice:** If you suspect your child has mumps, call your GP or NHS 111 before visiting in person so they can take precautions to avoid infecting others in the waiting room.

School Exclusion Policy

If a child is diagnosed with mumps, they must legally be excluded from school and stay at home for 5 days after the facial swelling first starts. They may return on the 6th day if they feel well enough.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our school healthy.

Cordelia Cooper
Headteacher

