LETTER TO PARENTS ON MEASLES EXPOSURE IN SCHOOL

10th September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings and good wishes from The Westminster School - Dubai!

We are writing to inform you of an important health matter in our school community. The Westminster school Clinic, in collaboration with the local health department, has confirmed a case of measles involving one of our students.

What is Measles?
Measles is a highly contagious viral illness that spreads through coughing, sneezing, or direct contact with infected respiratory droplets. Symptoms typically appear 7-14 days after exposure and may include:
- High fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- A rash that starts on the face and spreads downward to the rest of the body

What You Should Do:
1. Verify Vaccination Status: Please check that your child is up to date with their Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine. This vaccine provides effective protection against measles. If your child is not vaccinated, we strongly urge you to contact us or consult your healthcare provider to schedule an immunization.
2. Monitor for Symptoms: If your child exhibits any symptoms of measles, please keep them at home and contact school medical team immediately for further guidance.
3. Inform the School Clinic: If your child is diagnosed with measles or begins to show symptoms, contact the school clinic at as soon as possible. This will help us take further steps to prevent any potential spread.

School Actions:
- The school clinic, in collaboration with the Principal's office, is working closely with local health officials to address this situation.
- We have enhanced our cleaning and disinfection efforts and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

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Your child's health and safety are of utmost importance to us. We understand that you may have concerns, and we encourage you to contact the school clinic on *Tel: 042988333 – Ext 233/234/221/ 287 or write to us on ramya.b_tws@gemsedu.com or Suriya.s_tws@gemsedu.com* if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe and healthy.

Kind regards,

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