

Dear Parent / Guardian

### **MMR Immunisation –Measles Mumps and Rubella**

You may have seen in the news recently that there have been quite large outbreaks of measles in some of our neighbouring boroughs, particularly in Barnet, Haringey and Hackney.

Outbreaks of this kind are becoming increasingly common and are occurring more widely and more often across London, with children, young people and some young parents being those most affected. This is because many children may have missed receiving their MMR vaccinations.

These outbreaks are a serious concern with up to a million children and young teenagers potentially vulnerable to serious infection, especially as children of this age are going into secondary school where the spread of infection is much more likely to happen.

Whilst measles, mumps and rubella (German measles) are very unpleasant illnesses, they also increase the risk of longer term and more severe health problems, particularly during pregnancy. The complications of measles can include pneumonia, hearing loss and the inflammation of the brain.

MMR vaccine is **free and available from your GP** (please take along the red book), and school-age children can access Community Immunisation Drop-in at St Michaels Hospital Site on certain days (please see last page).

We also include an information leaflet to answer some common questions about measles and the vaccine.

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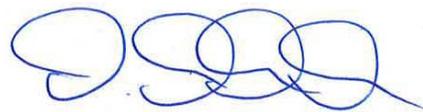
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We would highly recommend completing your child's immunisation before the holidays, so they are protected against measles, mumps, rubella.

Yours faithfully



**Stuart Lines**  
**Director of Public's Health**



**Tony Theodoulou**  
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## **Community Immunisation Drop-in**

### **Venue:**

Cedar House Clinic, St Michaels Hospital Site,  
Gater Drive, Enfield, EN2 0JB

### **Eligibility:**

School-age children. (Younger children must be accompanied by a parent/  
legal guardian for consent.)

### **Date and time:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Mon 29 July</b>	12noon to 3pm
<b>Thu 1 Aug</b>	9:30am to 12noon
<b>Thu 8 Aug</b>	10am to 3pm
<b>Thu 15 Aug</b>	1pm to 3:30 pm
<b>Thu 22 Aug</b>	9:30am to 12:15pm
<b>Wed 28 Aug</b>	10am to 3pm
<b>Thu 29 Aug</b>	10am to 3pm

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