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Dear Parent/Carer,

#### Cross country event

Yesterday's cross country event at Newquay Sports Centre was a resounding success. In the Year 4 race, Isaac showcased remarkable athleticism, securing an impressive 5th position, closely followed by Casper in 6th, Mawgan in 11th, and Maren in 12th. The young athletes demonstrated exceptional skill and determination against tough competition.

In the Year 6 race, Harley emerged as a standout performer, claiming the top spot with a remarkable first-place finish. His dedication and prowess were evident throughout the race, earning him well-deserved recognition. Leo also delivered a commendable performance, securing a respectable 10th place in a competitive field.

A huge thank you to Sophie and Catherine for helping with the event and well done to all the pupils who took part. We love to celebrate their successes. Overall, it was a day filled with accomplishment and joy, leaving everyone with lasting memories of a successful and enjoyable event at Newguay Sports Centre.





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## Message from Cornwall Council



Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily and for some people can cause serious problems. It is particularly easy to catch in environments when in close contact with others, such as nurseries and schools. There are currently large outbreaks in London and Birmingham, and we have experienced some outbreaks in the south-west already. We anticipate that it is only a matter of time before we see measles outbreaks in Cornwall.

The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine, and we would like your help sharing information with parents and staff in your workplace about MMR and measles.



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#### Key messages

• MMR is a preschool vaccination normally given at 12 months and 3 year 4 months to protect against Measles, Mumps and Rubella. Parents and guardians should be encouraged to check their children's MMR status in their red book, or contact their GP practice as soon as possible if they are not sure.

• Staff should be made aware that it is never too late to catch up on any missed MMR vaccinations, and they should contact their GP to book an appointment.

• Symptoms include a high fever, sore red watery eyes and a blotchy red-brown rash.

• Measles often starts as cold-like symptoms. NHS guidance says it is fine to send a child to school with a minor cough or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature. School attendance is vitally important to children's learning and health.

• If a child has measles they should stay off nursery or school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears, and avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

To report measles cases or get support with outbreaks in your setting contact your local health protection team at <a href="mailto:swhpt@ukhsa.gov.uk">swhpt@ukhsa.gov.uk</a> or call 0300 303 8162 option 1 then option 1

### What you can do to help

• Encourage your staff to check their MMR vaccination status and book their vaccination with their GP if they unvaccinated or only partially vaccinated. MMR is given over two doses, and both doses are needed for full protection.

• Attend UKHSA's free webinar on Health Protection in Education and Early Years Settings about childhood infection in early years and educational settings. The session will cover measles as well as other infectious diseases. Book your space here Health Protection in Education and Early Years settings Webinar

• Share 'Appendix 1. Key information for parents' below with parents and guardians via your communications channels, and keep sharing over the coming months. Print and display posters and display them in your workplace and share the resources.

• If you have a suspected or confirmed case of measles follow UKHSA guidance on managing measles, which includes:

o exclude the infected individual from the settings until 4 days after the onset of the rash (where the date of the rash onset is day 0)

 $\rm o$   $\,$  encourage all children and young people over the age of one year old to have the combined MMR vaccination

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