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**Message from Professor Matt Ashton, Director of Public Health in Liverpool**

Dear parents and carers of children in reception and nursery class,

Please make sure your child is up to date with two doses of MMR vaccine, and all their other routine childhood vaccinations before they return to school in the autumn. The MMR vaccine will protect your child against measles, mumps and rubella. Vaccinations are the best way to protect your child from serious diseases. They are safe and effective.

Due to the Covid pandemic, some children have missed their vaccinations and are at risk of catching measles. Measles is highly infectious. It is dangerous and potentially deadly.

The MMR vaccine is offered when your baby turns one, and a second dose at around 3 years and 4 months old before they start school or nursery. It is important to have both doses of MMR vaccine to be fully protected.

Check your child's Red Book or contact the GP practice to make sure your child is up to date. If your child has missed out on getting a vaccine for any reason, contact your GP practice to book an appointment over the summer. It is never too late to catch up.

You can find further information on MMR and other childhood vaccinations here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-school-vaccinations-a-guide-to-vaccinations-from-2-to-5-years>

Yours faithfully

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