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Dear colleagues

Please find an important message below from Thara Raj in Public Health, Bristol City Council. It is imperative that all schools, colleges, nurseries, children's centres and childminders follow this advice carefully in the event of a report of a suspected infectious disease.

Health Protection – Who to Call and Why

Due to recent reports of a rise in cases of measles and scarlet fever and flu outbreaks in several education settings, it is important you know what to do and who to call.

If a member of staff or pupil has a communicable or infectious disease (such as meningitis, measles, whooping cough, tuberculosis etc.) or you receive a report from a parent of a suspected case, it is important to alert the local Health Protection team so that they can investigate and support you. Call 0300 303 8162 Option 1, Option 2. This is a 24 hour service.

Please also take some time to read the following guidance and ensure that school staff are aware of the important of relaying information quickly to school/setting leaders if cases are reported to them.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities>

It would be helpful if all settings could also include the link to this guidance on your public website so that parents and pupils can also see what steps you will take in this scenario.

Best wishes

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