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Dear Parents

I am writing to ask for your cooperation in an important matter concerning the health of one of our students at the school, who is currently receiving medical treatment. The treatment means that their immune system is low which puts their health at risk if they are exposed to **measles, chicken pox and shingles**. (Just as any members of staff who are pregnant).

Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles or chicken pox, so that we can inform the student's family straight away for the student to receive medication quickly.

It is also important that you let us know if someone in your household has shingles. Shingles is the same virus as chicken pox but only affects older children/adults. However, you can still catch chicken pox from someone who has shingles so it may be possible for your child to be infectious without realising it whilst at school.

There is no risk at all for your own child from this situation. However, the health and well-being of our student undergoing treatment is at risk so I hope you can help us with your kind cooperation and commitment in making sure that we are told as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for helping all those in our community, especially this student, to stay well.

Yours sincerely

A. Gibbins.

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