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To: Parents in Sheffield

Dear parents,

Protecting your children against serious diseases that could be prevented by vaccines

I am writing to let you know that there has been an increase in infectious diseases among children that are entirely preventable by vaccination.

Children have been diagnosed with disease's such as measles, mumps and even diphtheria which is very sad as these diseases could be prevented by vaccination.

We request you that you check your child's red book, or contact your GP surgery to check if your child has received vaccines against these diseases.

If your child is not up-to-date with their vaccines, please make an appointment with your GP surgery. The Christmas school holiday offers an ideal time to catch up on immunisation to ensure your child (children) are as protected as possible against these serious diseases.

For more details on vaccination, visit https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/vaccination-schedule-agechecklist.aspx

Yours sincerely,

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