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To: Parents/guardians of children who attend Ysgol Dyffryn Aman, Ammanford SA18 2NW.

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you that Public Health Wales have been notified of cases of possible mumps in staff and children who attend Ysgol Dyffryn Aman.

Mumps is an infectious viral illness that begins with a fever, swelling and tenderness of one or more salivary glands in the neck and possibly mouth and throat. Occasionally swelling of the testes in boys and breast tenderness in girls occurs. Most people make a full and complete recovery.

You can protect your child by ensuring that they are immunised with MMR (mumps, measles, rubella) vaccine. Children routinely receive their first dose at one year of age and their second dose from three years four months old but there is no upper age limit to receive the vaccine.

If your child has not received two doses of MMR, I would strongly recommend that you contact your GP surgery to make an appointment for them to complete MMR vaccination.

If you are unsure whether your child has been fully immunised against mumps we recommend that you contact your General Practitioner (GP) for advice. Further information about mumps and MMR vaccination may be sought from Public Health Wales at: <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/page/43790>. If you think that your child may have mumps, please contact your GP. We advise that any child with mumps needs to stay away from school (and other social contact) for a minimum of five days from the onset of swollen glands to try and stop the disease spreading.

Yours sincerely

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