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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to advise you that a pupil in Year 9 has been diagnosed with mumps.

I am advised that mumps is a viral infection, and that *“the first symptoms of mumps are usually a raised temperature and general malaise. Following this there is stiffness or pain in the jaws or neck. Then the glands in the cheeks and under the jaw swell up and cause pain. The swelling can be one sided or affect both sides. Mumps is usually fairly mild in young children, but can cause swelling of the testicles and rarely, infertility in males over the age of puberty. The mumps virus is highly infectious and can be spread by droplets from the nose and throat and by saliva.”*

Many children have been immunised against mumps. However, if your son or daughter displays any of these symptoms, please seek appropriate medical advice as soon as possible, mentioning that there has been a case of mumps at St Margaret's.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Brierley  
Principal