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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING IMMUNISATIONS FOR CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE

MMR IMMUNISATIONS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have seen an increase in Measles cases in our boroughs and across the UK. Measles spreads easily and can cause serious illnesses, including Pneumonia and Meningitis.

We would like to check your child has been vaccinated with both doses of MMR to ensure they are fully protected.

The first dose of **MMR** is given at the age of **12 months** and the second dose of **MMR** is given at around **3 years and 4 months**, before starting Reception class. Having both doses gives long lasting protection against Measles for many years, and millions of doses have been administered in the UK.

The vaccine has been thoroughly tested and is the safest and most effective way to protect your child against the disease. You can find more information about the **MMR** vaccination here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

Please be aware that if required there is a gelatine free MMR vaccine available.

To be sure that your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, please check their Red Book (**personal child health record**). The **1st MMR** is usually recorded on page 21 – 1-year old immunisations, and the **2nd MMR** is usually recorded on page 22- preschool immunisations. You can also check with your GP.

Please complete an information form for us to check and record your child's MMR immunisation details.

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It is important that you complete the form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine so we can update your child's record. Please return the completed form back to your school and record the dates that the vaccine was given or that you have refused this vaccine.

Please see scheduled immunisations below

Age immunisation is given	Diseases protected against	Vaccine given	Trade name
8 weeks old	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and Hepatitis B (6 in 1)	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB	Infanrix hexa
	Rotavirus	Rotavirus	Rotarix
	Meningococcal group B disease	MenB	Bexsero
Three months old	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and Hepatitis B (6 in 1)	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB	Infanrix hexa
	Rotavirus	Rotavirus	Rotarix
	Pneumococcal disease	PCV	Prevenar 13
Four months old	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and Hepatitis B (6 in 1)	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB	Infanrix hexa
	Meningococcal group B disease	MenB	Bexsero
12 to 13 months	Haemophilus Influenza type b (Hib) and Meningococcal group C	Hib/MenC	Menitorix
	Meningococcal group B disease	MenB booster	Bexsero
	Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR 1)	MMR	MMR VaxPRO 2 or Priorix
	Pneumococcal disease	PCV booster	Prevenar 13
Three years and four months old	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (4 in 1)	dTaP/IPV	Repevax or Boostrix-IPV
	Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR 2)	MMR	MMR VaxPRO 2 or Priorix

Yours sincerely,

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