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Keeping Your Child Protected – Routine NHS Vaccinations

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families about the **routine NHS vaccination offer** for children and young people. These vaccines help protect against serious, potentially life-threatening infections and are an important part of your child's lifelong health.

What vaccines are offered as part of the routine UK schedule for school-aged children (aged 4+)?

Based on the national programme and local guidance for school-aged immunisations:

- **Flu vaccine** – offered every year from *Reception through Year 11*.
- **HPV vaccine** – offered in **Year 8**.
- **Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio (Td/IPV) booster** – offered in **Year 9**.
- **Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY)** – offered in **Year 9**, with catch-up available until the young person's **25th birthday**.
- **MMR vaccine** – offered to any child or young person missing one or both doses.

About MenB and MenACWY (Important Update)

In relation to the wider population, current **JCVI guidelines** remain unchanged:

- **MenACWY** continues to be offered routinely in **Year 9**, with catch-up until **age 25**.
- **MenB** was introduced to the Childhood Immunisation Schedule for those born from 1st September 2015. **It has only been offered routinely to infants at 8 weeks, 12 weeks and 1 year since that time**, with catch-up only available **until the 2nd birthday**. Please use the link below for details about the current outbreak.

[Meningitis B outbreak: what you need to know – UK Health Security Agency](#)

- **ImmForm vaccine stock** can only be used for children who fall within these eligibility rules.

The **Secretary of State for Health** has confirmed that the JCVI will be asked to **re-examine MenB eligibility**, but at present **no changes have been made**.

If your child has not been vaccinated with Men B and you are considering Men B vaccination for them, pharmacies offering this private service can be found on-line.

Why these vaccines matter



The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) regularly reviews national data and emerging risks to ensure recommendations are evidence-based. Keeping uptake high prevents outbreaks of infections such as measles, mumps, rubella, polio, and meningitis.

How to check your child's vaccination history

You can confirm which vaccines your child has already received by:

- Checking their **Red Book**
- Contacting their **GP surgery**
- Looking for previous school immunisation emails sent via **Cinnamon Digital**
- **Using the NHS App** – you may need to contact your child's GP surgery to set up **proxy access** to your child's NHS record. Once proxy access is granted, you will be able to view their immunisation history directly in the NHS App.

Guidance is available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/help/vaccinations/view-vaccinations/>

Steps to view immunisation records via the NHS App

1. **Open the NHS App** and select **your GP health record**.
2. Read the important notice and select **Continue**.
3. Select **'Immunisations'** to view your child's vaccination history.
4. If any information appears **incorrect or missing**, please contact your child's **GP surgery**.

This process allows parents and carers to easily access and manage their child's immunisation records, ensuring they remain up to date and in line with NHS guidance.

If your child is missing a vaccine

If you believe your child or young person may be missing a routine vaccine, please contact the Buckinghamshire School Aged Immunisation Team:

- **buc-tr.buckschildimms@nhs.net**

A nurse can review their record and advise on any outstanding immunisations.

Consent for school vaccination

For every eligible vaccine, we ask parents/carers to complete a **YES or NO e-consent form**, which helps us account for all children. If you need help accessing the form, please contact the team.

If you have any questions about the routine vaccination schedule or your child's eligibility, please get in touch. Thank you for helping us keep young people across Buckinghamshire healthy and protected.

Kind regards,

Buckinghamshire School Aged Immunisation Team