



Right Vaccine, Right Time & Protect Their Future

Vaccinations protect your child from serious illnesses. The schedule is carefully designed to give protection at the right time.

- ✔ What you need to do:
- Check your child is up to date
- Look at your child's red book
- 📞 Book now if any vaccines are due or missed



Key Childhood Vaccines

- 🛡️ 6-in-1 (Babies) ~ Protects against 6 serious diseases
 - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping cough, Polio, Hib B, Hepatitis B
- 🛡️ Rotavirus ~ Protects against severe diarrhoea & vomiting
- 🛡️ MenB ~ Protects against meningitis & sepsis
- 🛡️ Pneumococcal ~ Protects against pneumonia & blood infections
- 🛡️ MMRV ~ Protects against measles, mumps, rubella & chickenpox
- 🛡️ Pre-School Booster ~ Boosts protection before starting school

Please follow for more information
www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/



When are vaccinations given?

- 8, 12 and 16 weeks
- 1 year
- 18 months
- Pre-school (3 years 4 months)
- 👉 Your GP practice will contact you when your child is due.

After the appointment

Your child may cry briefly after their vaccine but should settle with a cuddle. The injection site may be sore or red for 2–3 days. This usually settles on its own. Some children may feel irritable or develop a fever.

Managing a fever

If your child has a temperature:

- Keep them lightly dressed
- Offer plenty of fluids
- Give children's Paracetamol if needed

After the MenB vaccine (8 and 12 weeks), it's recommended to give liquid paracetamol to help prevent fever. Always follow the medicine instructions or ask a pharmacist if unsure.

Why Vaccinations Matter

- Protect your child from serious diseases
- Reduce risk of complications and hospital visits
- Vaccines train the body to recognise and fight germs quickly and effectively
- Help protect vulnerable people in the community
- Staying up to date with vaccines helps keep children healthy, in school, and developing well

What to expect at your child's Immunisation appointment

We understand that parents may feel a bit anxious, here what happens at your appointment.

- Appointments are around 15 mins
- Confirm your child's details
- Check which vaccines are due
- Answer any questions you may have
- Your child may receive more than one vaccine during the same visit. This is safe and helps keep their immunisation up to date.

Importance of having vaccines on time

- Vaccines are scheduled to give protection at the earliest and at the right safest time
- Delays can mean children are unprotected for longer

Missed vaccines?

If your child has missed any vaccination, contact the surgery to arrange an appointment to speak with a member of the nursing team.

Please note: a small number of vaccines have age limits, so it's best to contact us as soon as possible for advice.



Remember

- Most babies cope very well and recover quickly
- Keeping your child up to date with their vaccinations is one of the best ways to protect their health now and in the future.

We're here to help

It's normal to feel unsure about vaccines. Many parents have questions about safety or side effects. Our team can provide trusted NHS advice, answer your questions, and help you keep your child up to date.

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/vaccination-tips-for-parents/>

The NHS childhood vaccination schedule has been updated to provide the best possible protection for children at every stage of their development.



UK Health Security Agency

Routine childhood immunisations

From January 2026

Age due	Vaccines that protect against	Vaccine given and trade name		Usual site ¹	
Eight weeks old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and hepatitis B	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB (6 in 1 vaccine)	Infanrix hexa or Vaxelis	Thigh	
	Meningococcal group B (MenB)	MenB	Bexsero	Thigh	
	Rotavirus gastroenteritis	Rotavirus	Rotarix ²	By mouth	
Twelve weeks old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and hepatitis B	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB (6 in 1 vaccine)	Infanrix hexa or Vaxelis	Thigh	
	MenB	MenB	Bexsero	Thigh	
	Rotavirus	Rotavirus	Rotarix ²	By mouth	
Sixteen weeks old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and hepatitis B	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB (6 in 1 vaccine)	Infanrix hexa or Vaxelis	Thigh	
	Pneumococcal (13 serotypes)	PCV	Prevenar 13	Thigh	
One year old (on or after the child's first birthday)	Pneumococcal MenB Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella	PCV MenB MMRV	Prevenar 13 Bexsero ProQuad or Priorix Tetra	Upper arm or thigh	
Eighteen months old	Born on or after 1 July 2024 Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Hib and hepatitis B Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella	Born on or before 30 June 2024 No appointment	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB MMRV	Infanrix hexa or Vaxelis ProQuad or Priorix Tetra	Upper arm or thigh
	Born on or after 1 January 2025 Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio	Born on or before 31 December 2024 Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella	dTaP/IPV MMRV	REPEVAX ProQuad or Priorix Tetra	Upper arm
Boys and girls aged twelve to thirteen years	Cancers and genital warts caused by specific human papillomavirus (HPV) types	HPV	Gardasil 9	Upper arm	
Fourteen years old (school Year 9)	Tetanus, diphtheria and polio	Td/IPV	REVAXIS	Upper arm	
	Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y	MenACWY	MenQuadfi	Upper arm	

The childhood immunisation schedule is a guide that shows when your child should receive their vaccinations from birth through to their teenage years. Each vaccine is carefully timed to give the best possible protection when children are most at risk of certain diseases. Vaccines are offered in the first few months of life because babies are more vulnerable to serious illnesses, and some require follow-up doses to keep protection strong as they grow.

Following the schedule helps protect your child against diseases such as measles, meningitis, whooping cough and polio, and helps prevent these infections from spreading in the community. Routine childhood vaccinations are one of the most effective ways to keep children and families safe.

If your child has missed any vaccines, please contact the GP surgery to make an appointment to discuss this with a clinician.



We are here to support you

We understand parents may have questions or concerns about vaccinations.

- ✓ Friendly, supportive advice
- ✓ Up-to-date NHS guidance
- ✓ Time to discuss any worries



Don't hesitate to speak to our team on

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