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Important information regarding – Immunisations for young people**MMR IMMUNISATIONS**

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I am sure you have read and seen on the news that Measles infection is spreading in communities across the UK and we have seen an increase in cases in our boroughs. Measles spreads easily and can cause serious illnesses, including pneumonia and meningitis.

Your child can be protected from this serious infection by receiving two doses of the MMR vaccine. The first dose is given at the age of **12 months** and the second dose is given at around **3 years and 4 months**, before starting school. Having both doses gives long lasting protection against measles, mumps and rubella. The MMR vaccine has been protecting children 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/>

If you are unsure if 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 Immunisations and the 2nd on page 22, Preschool Immunisations. You can also check with your GP if they have had both vaccines.

If your child is not up to date please complete the consent form using the link below.

Please click on the following link to access the consent form:

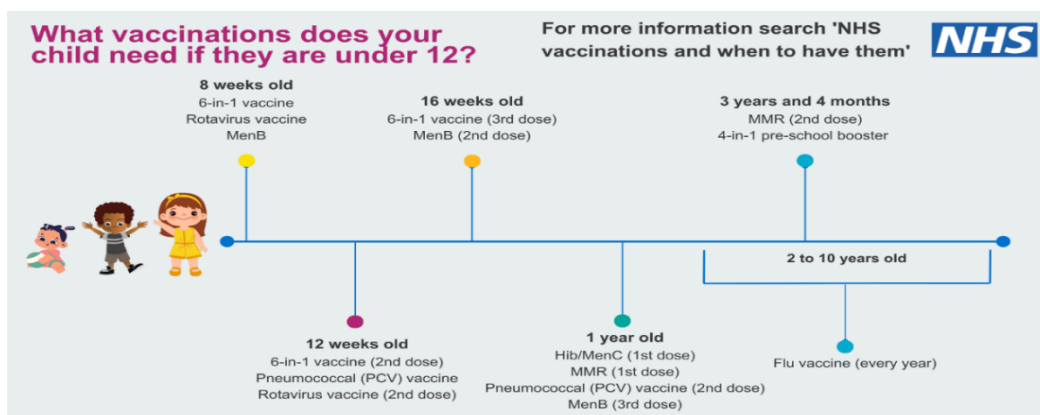
[MMR Vaccination Consent Form \(clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk\)](https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk)

You will need to enter the unique code for your child's school. The code is **CL142772**

The Immunisation Team will contact you to arrange an appointment for the vaccination to be given

If your child is not up to date with their MMR vaccinations, 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.

This graphic shows the vaccinations your child should be having by age.



To find out more about childhood vaccinations, please visit the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

Yours sincerely,

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