

Monday 2 March 2020

Dear Headteachers

Immunisations

When children start a new school, it is a good time to remind their families of the importance of being up to date with their immunisations.

I am therefore writing to ask you to include the messaging below in any correspondence you have with the families of the new intake due to start at your schools in September. This applies to children starting both primary and secondary schools.

Your child will be learning and socialising with more children when they start their new school and could be at risk of catching preventable diseases if they haven't had all their childhood jabs.

If you are not sure if your child has had all their routine vaccinations, check their personal health record (Red Book) or contact the GP surgery.

To get the best protection for your child, they need to have had two doses of MMR vaccine. For a checklist of the vaccines and the ages at which they should ideally be given visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations

The government has made resources available to schools about immunisations that you can access at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-resources-for-schools>. The resources include posters that can be displayed in school offices.

Thanks in advance for your support with this important matter.

Yours sincerely



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