

School Aged Immunisation Pathways for the 2024/25 Academic Year

Somerset

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Introduction

This information aims to support local GP Practices in understanding the school-aged immunisation (SAI) programmes for the 2024/25 academic year. The document provides an overview of the pathways for SAI, changes to the programmes, useful resources and contact information for your local SAI Provider.

We hope you find this information useful. Please contact the NHSE South West Vaccination and Screening Team if you have any comments or queries via: england.swvast@nhs.net.

Overview of School Aged Immunisations

From September 2024, the following immunisations will be delivered by the SAI Provider:

- HPV: Year 8*
- MenACWY: Year 9*
- Td/IPV: Year 9*
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) catch-up
- Influenza: Reception up to Year 11 in mainstream schools (including home-educated and other children not in mainstream education), and from reception onwards in special educational needs (SEN) schools.

*If vaccinations are missed, catch-up opportunities will be provided up to the end of Year 11.

Please note: a link to the SAI flu community clinic schedule is available on page 12 of this document.

SAI Programme Changes

Change in MenACWY Vaccine

From September 2024, the vaccine used for meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y (MenACWY) vaccination will change from Nimenrix® to **MenQuadfi®**. MenQuadfi vaccine ordered via ImmForm will be supplied as a single dose pack, containing one vial of vaccine and a patient information leaflet (PIL). The pack does not contain a needle or a syringe for administration. Needles and syringes should be obtained locally. The existing PGD applies as this includes the use of MenQuadfi.

HPV Schedule Change

As recommended by the JCVI, from 1st September 2023, the HPV vaccination programme moved from a 2 dose to 1 dose schedule for the routine adolescent programme including all those who remain eligible up to the age of 25. **This change does not apply to those who are HIV positive or those who are immunocompromised for whom the three-dose schedule will remain.** This change will align HPV vaccine doses across age groups, as well as aligning school, sexual health, and general practice provision, thus minimising the risk of conflicting or missing doses. Eligibility for girls is up to the age of 25 years. Eligibility for boys is based on age for those born on or after September 2006.

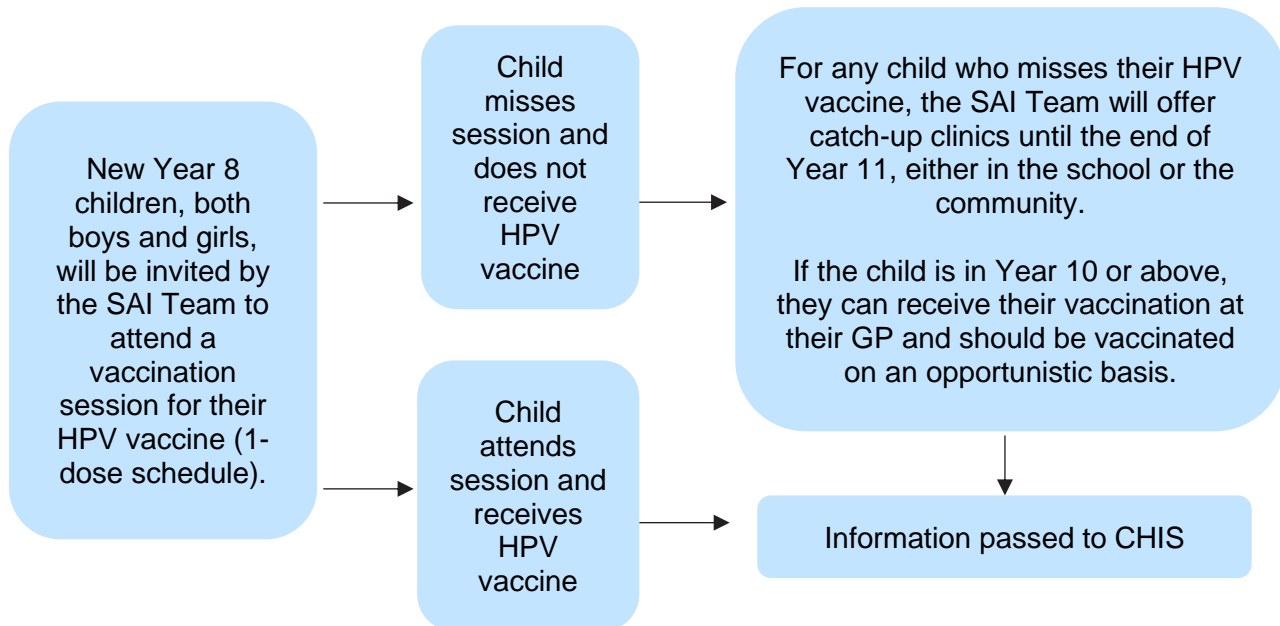
Opportunistic 2 & 3 Year Old Flu

GP practices currently offer seasonal influenza vaccination proactively to all children aged 2 and 3 years old, and to children of any age in an at-risk category.

From 1st September 2024 a minor local variation to the national SAIS service specification has been introduced in the South West, to allow SAIS providers to offer flu on an opportunistic basis to eligible 2 and 3 year olds. This extended offer will provide an opportunity to vaccinate younger siblings at community clinics where the whole family is in attendance and provide better access for a small number of families, whilst increasing patient satisfaction with the service overall.

Where a 2nd dose is required for a 2 or 3 year old in an at risk category, the SAIS service will signpost to the GP.

SAI Vaccination Pathway – HPV



Boys and girls who are eligible for the routine HPV programme should be vaccinated according to the 1-dose schedule*.

Eligible cohorts pre 2022/23 academic year who are completely unvaccinated will be consented as part of the HPV programme on a one dose HPV vaccination schedule from September 2023. Only one dose of the HPV vaccine is needed to be considered fully vaccinated.

*For individuals who are HIV positive or those who are immunocompromised the three-dose schedule will remain. For more information please refer to the [Green Book, Chapter 18a](#).

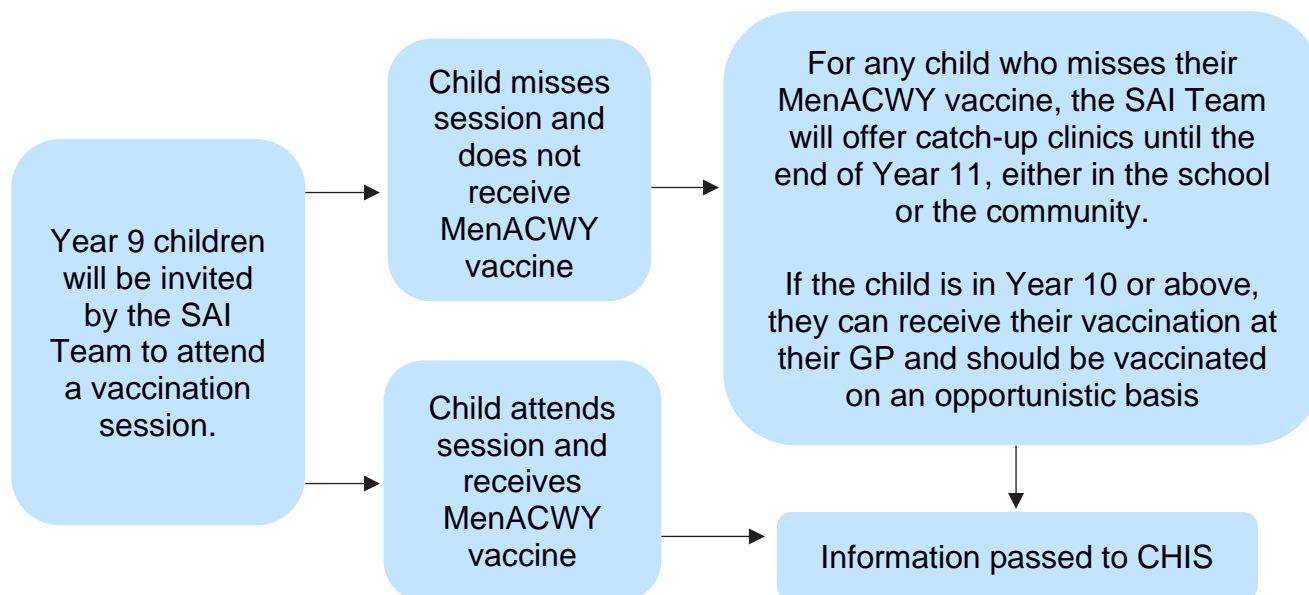
GP Practices are required to provide HPV vaccination to girls and boys from 14 years of age **if they have missed vaccination under the SAI programme**. This offer is opportunistic or if requested by the individual (see [NHS England » General practice vaccination and immunisation services: standards and core contractual requirements](#) for further information).

Please note that vaccination of boys commenced in 2019/20 without a catch-up programme, therefore GPs should only vaccinate boys born on or after 1st September 2006.

The SAI Team will continue to offer any outstanding HPV doses up until the end of Year 11. **After Year 11, GP Practices are responsible for delivering missed HPV vaccinations for students up to their 25th birthday, but doses can be given in practices from 14 years of age if a student presents at the practice and has missed the SAI offer.**

An item of service fee will only be applicable for those vaccinations administered by the GP practice.

SAI Vaccination Pathway - MenACWY



GP Practices are required to provide MenACWY vaccination to those aged 14 years up to their 25th birthday. This offer is opportunistic or if requested by the individual. This includes those who may have missed vaccination via the SAI programme, or those who are attending university for the first time (see [NHS England » General practice vaccination and immunisation services: standards and core contractual requirements](#) for further information). Eligible patients must be under the age of 25 years at the time of vaccination.

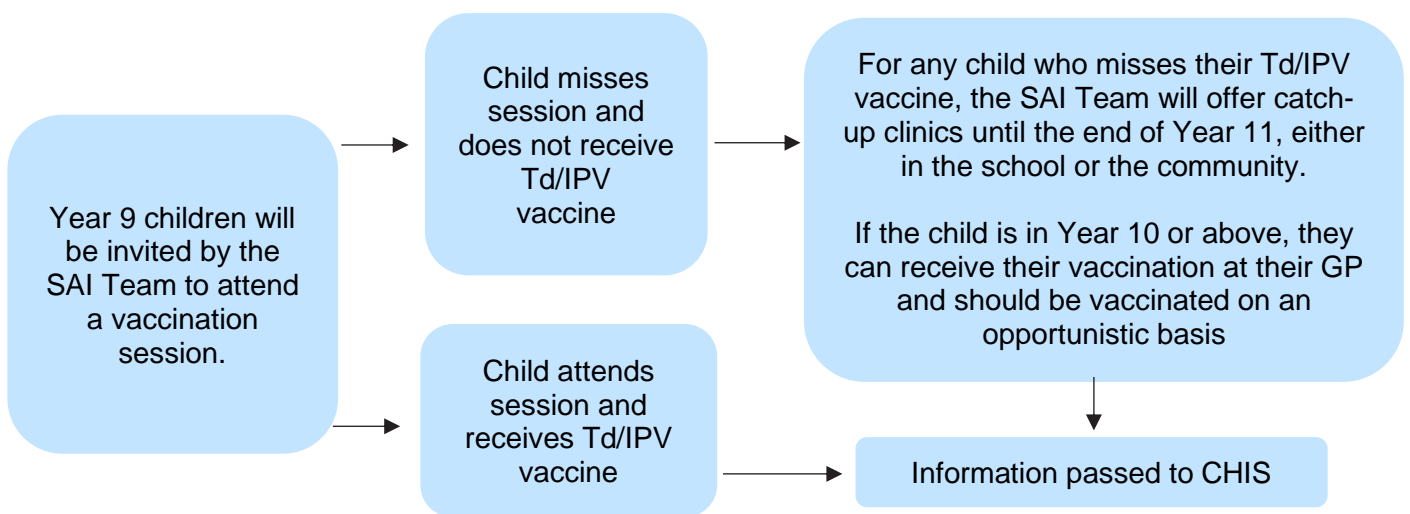
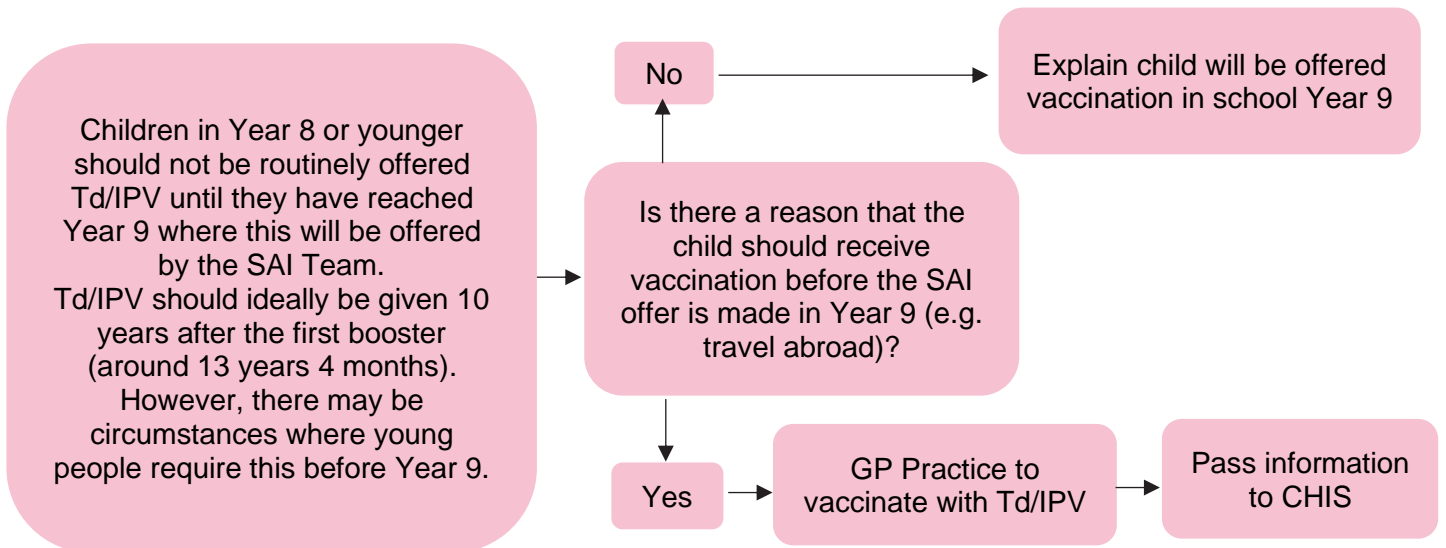
The SAI Team will continue to offer any outstanding MenACWY doses up until the end of Year 11. **GP Practices are responsible for delivering missed MenACWY to those who may have missed the school programme (14<25) and those (19<25 years) who are attending University for the first time.**

An item of service fee will only be applicable for those vaccinations administered by the GP practice.

Some children with incomplete immunisations may not have received a Men-C containing vaccine. Children from their tenth birthday onwards who present at the GP Practice and have not received a Men-C containing vaccine, should be offered a dose of MenACWY. These children will not require an additional dose of MenACWY as part of the SAI Programme.

Please see [Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation status \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) for further information.

SAI Vaccination Pathway – Td/IPV

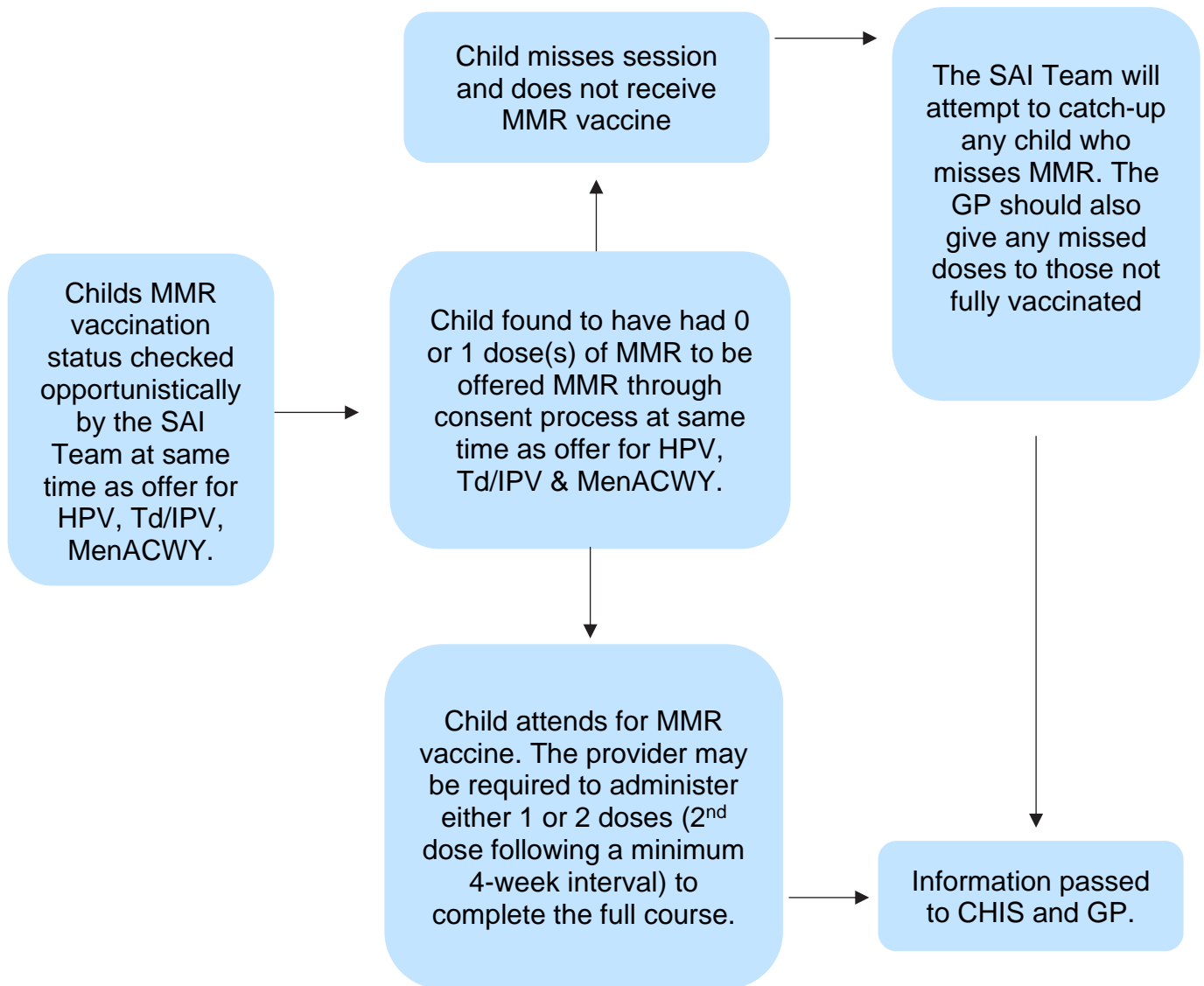


GP Practices are required to provide outstanding doses of Td/IPV to any individual aged 14 years and above with missing dose/s (from the SAI Team or otherwise). This offer is opportunistic or if requested by the individual (see [NHS England » General practice vaccination and immunisation services: standards and core contractual requirements](#) for further information). There is no upper age limit for catching up outstanding doses of Td/IPV.

The SAI Team will continue to offer any outstanding doses up until the end of Year 11. **After Year 11, GP Practices are responsible for delivering missed Td/IPV vaccinations, but doses can be given in practices from 14 years of age.**

An item of service fee will only be applicable for those vaccinations administered by the GP practice.

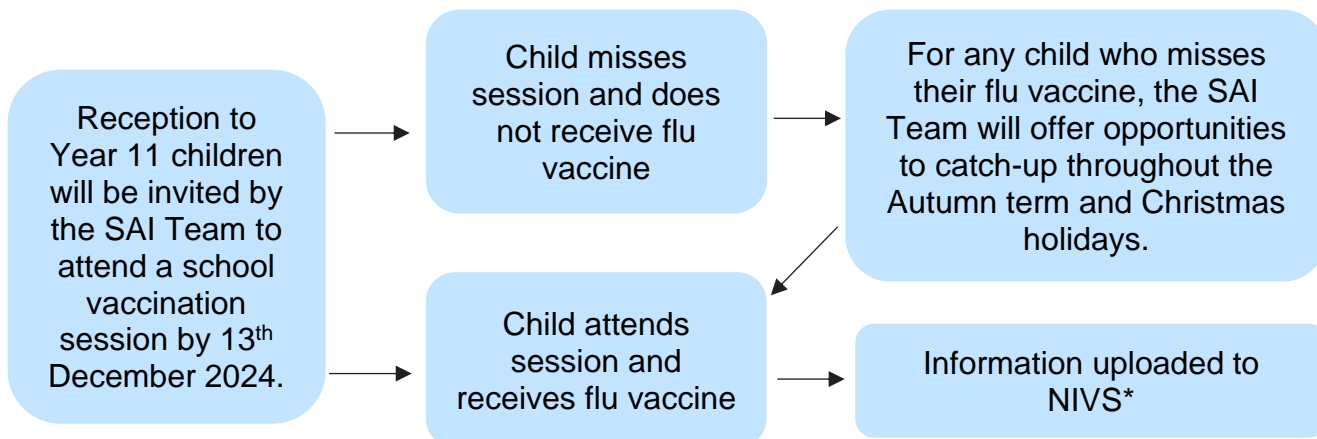
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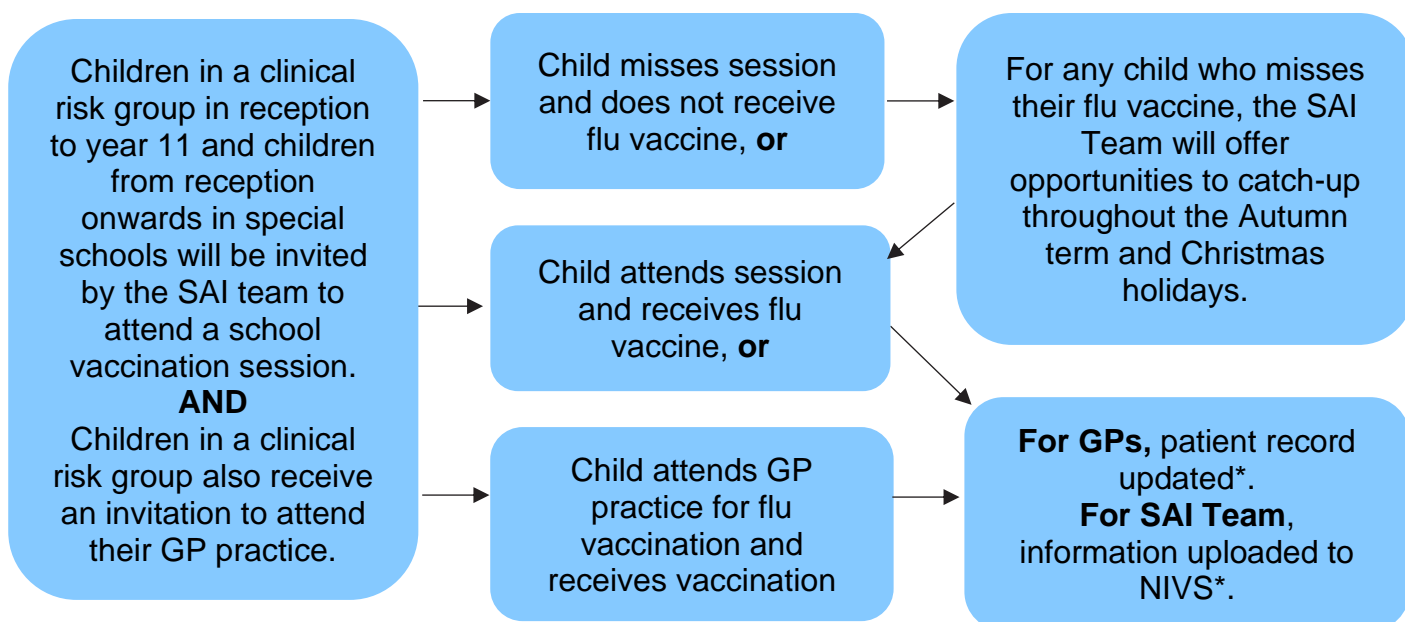
There is no upper age limit for MMR vaccination. The SAI Team will continue to offer MMR alongside other school aged immunisations to complete the full course where possible.

This does not replace the GP offer, and GP practices are required to vaccinate all registered patients who are eligible and who have not previously received a completed course of MMR vaccination. For those aged 6 years and above, this offer is opportunistic or if requested (see [NHS England » General practice vaccination and immunisation services: standards and core contractual requirements](#) for further information). If a school-aged child presents at the GP practice for MMR, this should be administered by the practice.

SAI Vaccination Pathway – Flu



Children in clinical risk groups:



Children in clinical risk groups can receive their flu vaccine via either the SAI Team or at the GP Practice. These children will be offered vaccination by the SAI Team along with all school aged children, and GP practices are required to [undertake a proactive call/recall for all registered patients who are at risk](#). It is important that people in an at risk category are vaccinated early in the season and therefore practices should take the opportunity to vaccinate these young people at the practice especially if the school visit is later in the season or the parents prefer to go to the practice (please see [National flu immunisation programme plan 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) for further information). See also programme changes on page 3.

*Information uploaded onto NIVS should automatically flow to the patient record, and vice versa. However, we would encourage providers to check their information is flowing through CHIS as a failsafe.

2024 to 2025 flu season

Which flu vaccine should children have?

The following vaccines are suitable for children and this chart indicates which vaccine is recommended by age for this season

LAIV nasal spray

Live attenuated influenza vaccine, nasal spray suspension
Available to order from ImmForm

QIVc injection

Inactivated quadrivalent influenza vaccine, cell grown
Available to order from ImmForm

QIVe injection

Inactivated quadrivalent influenza vaccine, egg grown
Not supplied by ImmForm

What is the child or young person's age?

under **6 months**
of age

Infants under 6 months of age are too young to have the flu vaccine (this is why it is important that expectant mothers have a flu vaccination; pregnant women can have the flu vaccine at any stage of their pregnancy)

6 months to under **2 years**

Are they in a clinical risk group?^(iv)

No

They are not eligible for the flu vaccine

Yes

They should have the injected QIVc

Or **QIVe⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾** if QIVc not available

Children in this age group who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart

From **2 years⁽ⁱ⁾** to less than **18 years** of age

in eligible year group or in a clinical risk group^(iv)

Is the LAIV nasal spray contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable?⁽ⁱⁱ⁾

No

No contraindications to LAIV nasal spray

They should have the LAIV nasal spray vaccine

Children under 9 years of age in a clinical risk group^(iv) who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart

Yes

LAIV contraindicated or otherwise unsuitable

They should have the injected QIVc

Or **QIVe⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾** if QIVc not available

Children under 9 years of age in a clinical risk group^(iv) who have never had a flu vaccination will need 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart



(i) Aged 2 years on 31 August 2024, unless in a clinical risk group.
(ii) If the parent of an eligible child declines LAIV because of its porcine gelatine content, they can request an alternative injectable vaccine. QIVc is available to order from ImmForm for these children.
(iii) QIVe is not supplied by ImmForm.
(iv) Or a child who is a household contact of an immunocompromised individual.

Resources

Green Book Influenza Chapter 19

www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19

Annual flu programme

www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme

GP Checklist

✓ **Check that all data on immunisations delivered by the SAI Team that has been sent to you via CHIS has been uploaded onto your GP practice patient records.** Please note that an item of service fee will only be applicable for those vaccinations administered by the GP practice, you cannot claim for those delivered by the SAI Team.

✓ **Check that all data on immunisations you have given in your practice has been sent to the Child Health (CHIS) Team.** Please ensure you notify the Child Health Information Service (CHIS) once a vaccination has been given so that records are updated accordingly and in a timely way, and that any consent records held by the School Aged Immunisation providers can be removed to prevent unnecessary chasing or risk of duplicate vaccinations.

✓ **Make sure you are promoting school aged immunisations through leaflets, posters and through links on your website.**

Links to useful resources are included on pages 13-15 of this document.

✓ **Review how you can flag records for people who have not completed all their routine immunisations and what opportunities there are for the practice to offer vaccinations opportunistically.**

In previous years, CHIS have shared a summary report of any students with routine immunisations outstanding at the end of the school aged programme. These children receive a letter from CHIS asking them to make an appointment with their GP practice. This process is under review and we will confirm the details prior to implementing in 24/25.

DOB and Year Groups for 2024/25 Academic Year

School Year	Date of birth	Age
Reception	01.09.19 – 31.08.20	4 to 5
Year 1	01.09.18 – 31.08.19	5 to 6
Year 2	01.09.17 – 31.08.18	6 to 7
Year 3	01.09.16 – 31.08.17	7 to 8
Year 4	01.09.15 - 31.08.16	8 to 9
Year 5	01.09.14 - 31.08.15	9 to 10
Year 6	01.09.13 - 31.08.14	10 to 11
Year 7	01.09.12 – 31.08.13	11 to 12
Year 8	01.09.11 – 31.08.12	12 to 13
Year 9	01.09.10 – 31.08.11	13 to 14
Year 10	01.09.09 – 31.08.10	14 to 15
Year 11	01.09.08 - 31.08.09	15 to 16
Year 12	01.09.07 – 31.08.08	16 to 17
Year 13	01.09.06 - 31.08.07	17 to 18

Contact Information

South West Vaccination and Screening Team: england.swvast@nhs.net

Somerset SAI Provider

Provider	Address	Contact number	Contact email / website
SAI Nursing Team (Somerset NHS Foundation Trust)	Upper Bracken House, Chard Hospital, Chard, TA20 1YA	0300 323 0032	Email: somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk Somerset School Aged Immunisation Nursing Team Somerset NHS Trust (somersetft.nhs.uk)

Somerset Child Health Information Service (CHIS)

Provider	Address	Contact number	Contact email / website
NHS South Central West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW-CSU)	The Exchange, Express Park, Bridgwater, TA6 4RN	0300 561 0595	Email: scwcsu.bnsssg.swchis@nhs.net Child Health Information Services (CHIS) - NHS SCW Support and Transformation for Health and Care (scwcsu.nhs.uk)

Link for flu community clinics: <https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/saints-school-age-immunisation-team/somerset-school-aged-immunisation-nursing-team-saint/flu-vaccination-programme/>

For clinical queries relating to the S7A routine immunisation programmes: england.swicars@nhs.net

Resources

Area	Resource	Link
HPV	Information for healthcare practitioners on the HPV programme, eligibility, scheduling and vaccine administration	HPV vaccination: guidance for healthcare practitioners - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
HPV	Information on the HPV vaccine, dosage and schedule and recommendations for the use of the vaccine.	Green Book Chapter 18a Human papillomavirus (HPV) (publishing.service.gov.uk)
HPV	Documents relating to the HPV programme, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidance - Consent form - Posters and Leaflets (including translated versions) - Programme documents 	HPV vaccination programme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
MenACWY	Information for healthcare practitioners on the meningococcal vaccination programmes, including eligibility, scheduling and vaccine administration	Meningococcal Green Book Chapter (publishing.service.gov.uk)
MenACWY	Information for healthcare practitioners on the MenACWY programme, eligibility, scheduling and vaccine administration	MenACWY programme: information for healthcare professionals - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
MenACWY	Training slides for healthcare professionals on MenACWY	MenACWY programme: training slides for healthcare professionals - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
MenACWY	Documents relating to the MenACWY programme, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidance - Consent form - Posters and Leaflets (including translated versions) - Programme documents 	Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccination programme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Adolescent Imms	Leaflets and posters on the HPV, MMR, Flu and MenACWY vaccination programmes, free to order (including translated versions)	Home - Health Publications
Flu	Guidance on the childhood flu vaccines for 2024/25	Flu vaccines for children and young people for 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Flu	The annual flu letter, outlining the immunisation programme and eligible groups	National flu immunisation programme plan 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Flu	Information on the adolescent SAI flu programme for secondary schools	Adolescent vaccination programme: briefing for secondary schools 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Flu	Resources to support the 24/25 flu season, including guidance, leaflets and posters.	Annual flu programme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
PGDs	PGDs for the immunisations administered as part of the SAI programme	NHS England — South West » NHS England South West – Patient Group Direction downloads
Routine Immunisations	Details of the routine S7A immunisations offered as part of the UK schedule	Complete routine immunisation schedule - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Routine Immunisations	Guidance to support vaccination of individuals with outstanding immunisations	Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
General Practice	General practice vaccination and immunisation services: standards and core contractual requirements	NHS England » General practice vaccination and immunisation services: standards and core contractual requirements

Migrant Health	Further information on migrant health and immunisations	Moved to the UK: migrant immunisation - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
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