

School Aged Immunisation Pathways for the 2025/26 Academic Year

Dorset

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Introduction

This information aims to support local GP Practices in understanding the school-aged immunisation (SAI) programmes for the 2025/26 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 2025, 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: contact information and links for the SAI Team are included on page 12 of this document.

Programme Updates for 25/26

National HPV catch-up campaign for practices

For the 2025/26 GP campaign, practices are required to invite unvaccinated individuals aged 16-24 for their HPV vaccine. This includes:

- All females born on or before 1 September 2009 – up to their 25th birthday
- Males born from 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2009 (inclusive). Eligibility for boys was only extended to those entering year 8 from September 2019, in line with the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation recommendation

Practices should take a 'make every contact count' (MECC) approach to ensure that vaccination is offered at every opportunity and to continue to opportunistically vaccinate those from the age of 14 years old, as per the current contractual requirements. The campaign will run from 21 July 2025 to 31 March 2026.

A summary of the actions that practices are required to undertake to support the vaccination of eligible males and females can be found in annex A of the [NHS England » Confirmation of national human papillomavirus \(HPV\) vaccination and immunisation catch-up campaign for 2025/26](#)

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.

For the 25/26 flu season, the national SAIS service specification has been amended to allow SAIS providers to provide opportunistic flu vaccinations 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.

Overall numbers are anticipated to be very small, and this does not replace the proactive offer in primary care. 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.

GP Checklist



Please ensure that all data on immunisations you have given in your practice are added to patient records in a timely way, so that CHIS and SAI records are updated accordingly and any consent records held by the School Aged Immunisation providers can be removed to prevent unnecessary chasing or risk of duplicate vaccinations. 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.



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.



Implement a 'make every contact count' (MECC) approach to maximise opportunistic vaccinations to eligible patients. Consider how different forms of patient contact (for example booking, attending the practice, text and written communication) can be used to promote vaccinations.



Review how you can flag records on your GP IT system for people who have not completed all their routine immunisation, to raise the offer of vaccination when a young adult attends the practice for other reasons.

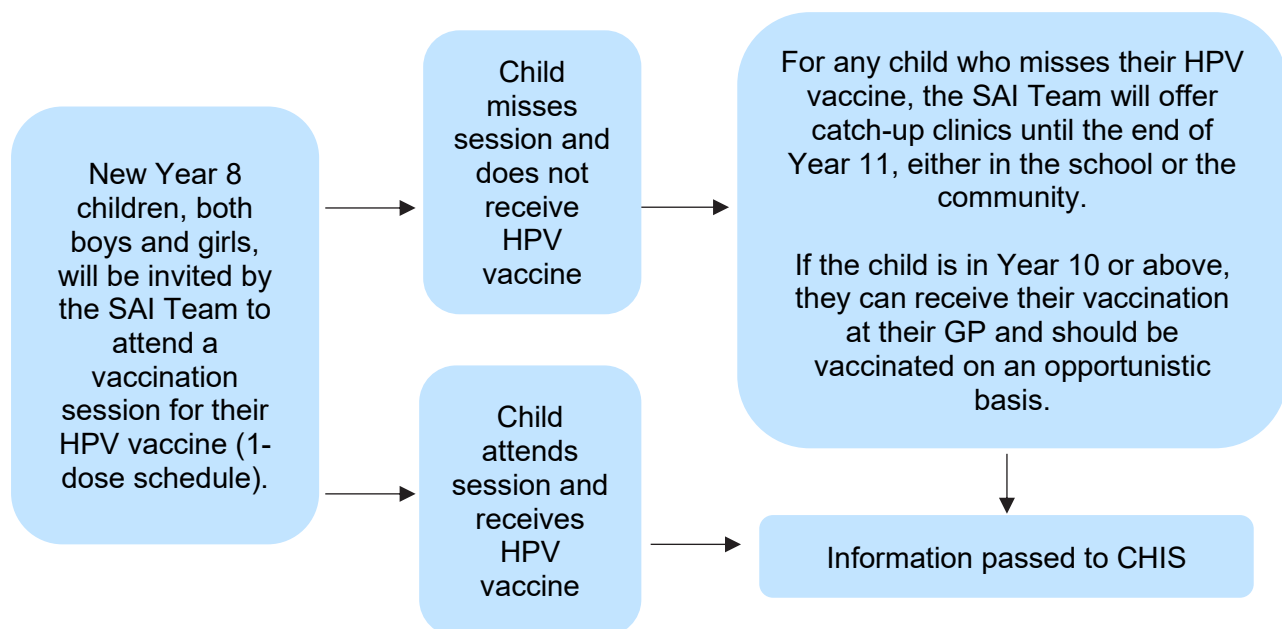


Ensure that staff feel confident having conversations about vaccination with young people. A suite of resources to support healthcare professionals to have vaccine confidence conversations and to help to build trust in vaccines can be accessed via: [Vaccine Confidence - South West Vaccination & Screening Team - Futures](#)



For the HPV national catch-up campaign - ensure that all clinical records for the registered adolescents and young people's cohort are updated before targeted invites are sent out. This will support the reconciliation of HPV vaccination data for completeness of records and support data quality

SAI Vaccination Pathway – HPV



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

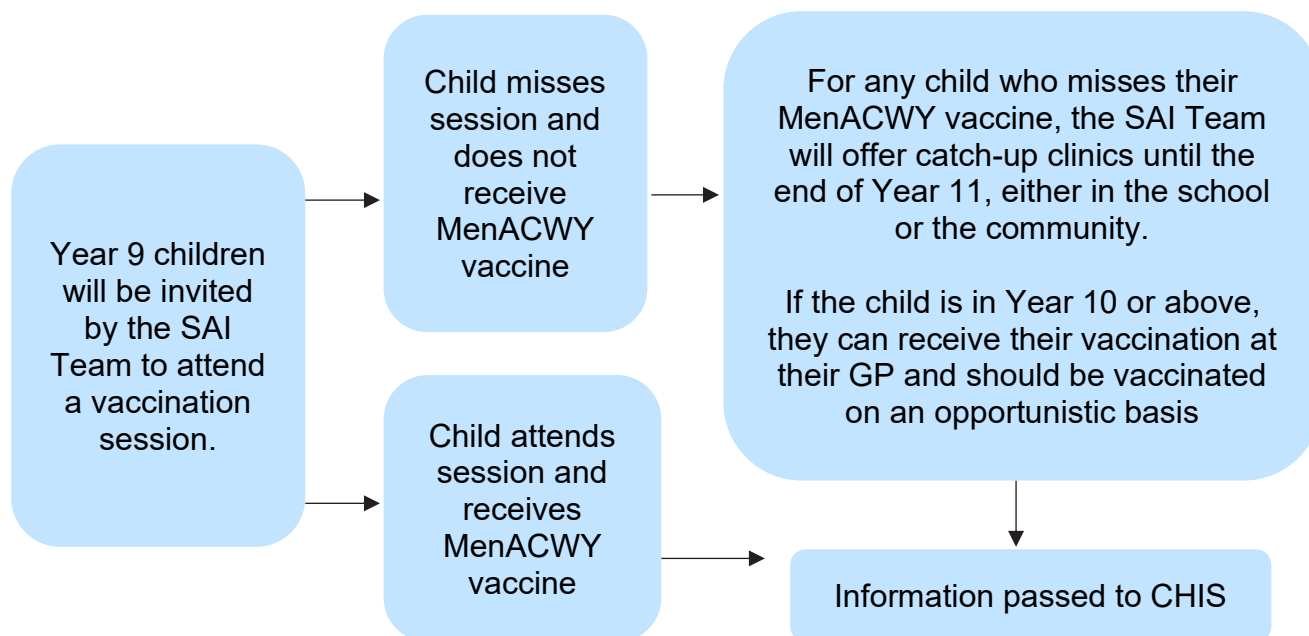
GP Practices are required to provide HPV vaccination to girls and boys from 14 years of age **if they have missed vaccination under the SAI programme**. This offer is opportunistic or if requested by the individual (see [NHS England » General practice vaccination and immunisation services: standards 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. **Details of additional activity required as part of the national HPV campaign in primary care in 25/26 can be found on page 3 of this document.**

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.

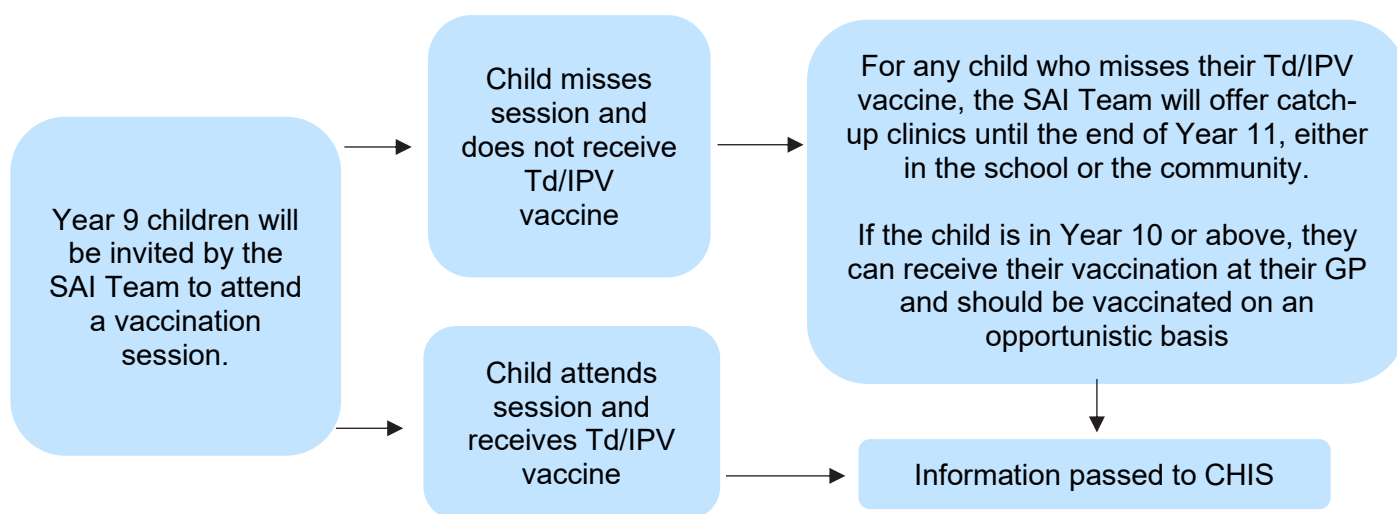
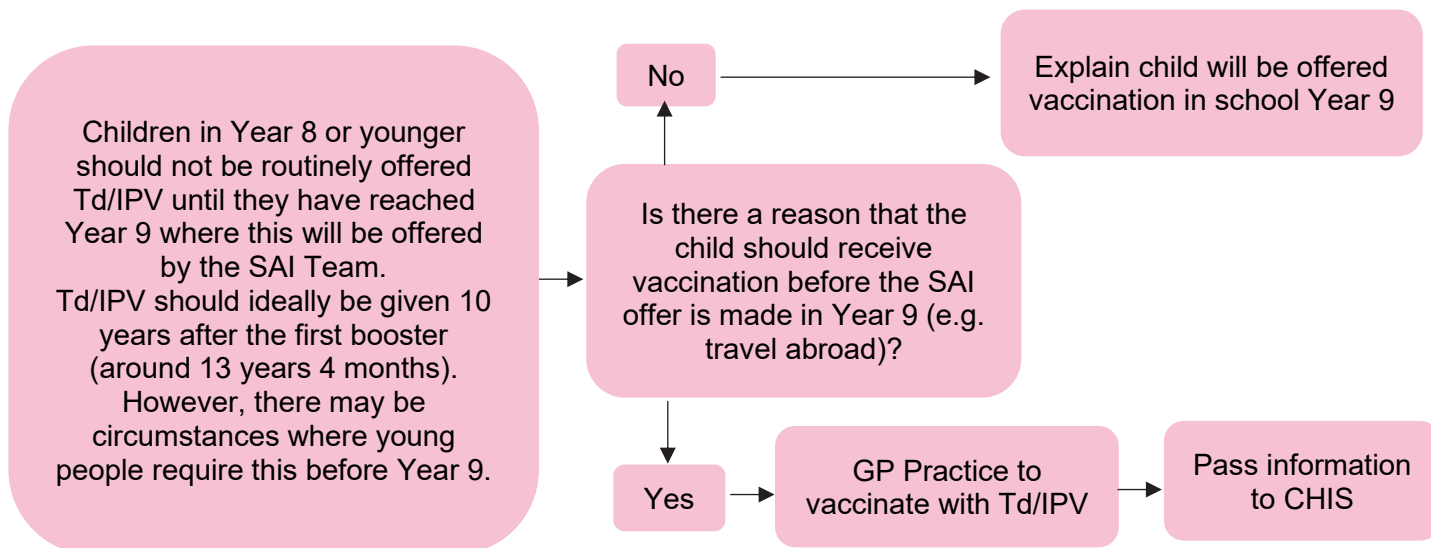
The SAI Team will continue to offer any outstanding MenACWY doses up until the end of Year 11. **GP Practices are responsible for delivering missed MenACWY to those who may have missed the school programme (14<25) and those (19<25 years) who are attending University for the first time.**

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](#) for further information.

SAI Vaccination Pathway – Td/IPV

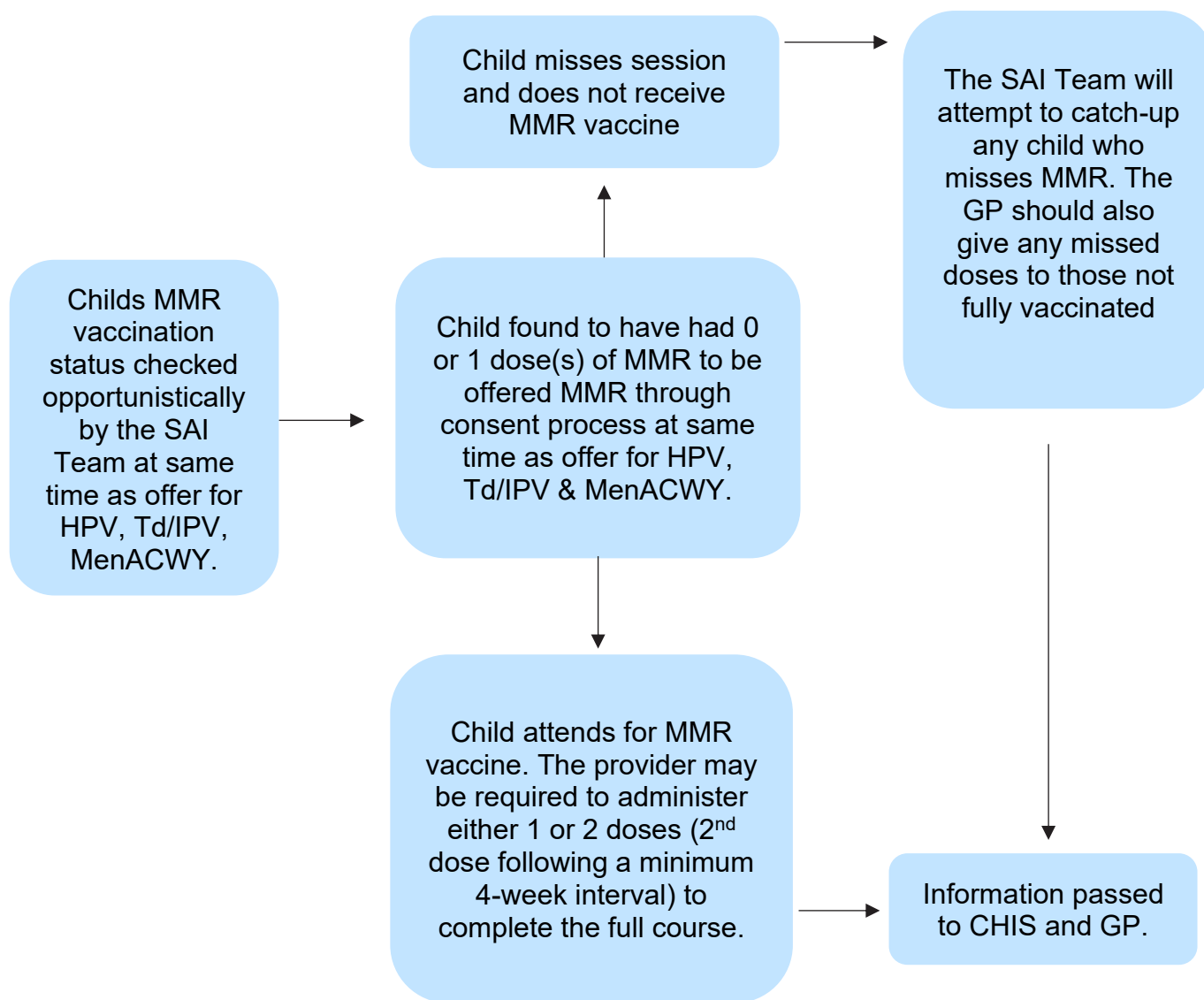


GP Practices are required to provide outstanding doses of Td/IPV to any individual aged 14 years and above with missing dose/s (from the SAI Team or otherwise). This offer is opportunistic or if requested by the individual (see [NHS England » General practice vaccination and immunisation services: standards 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.**

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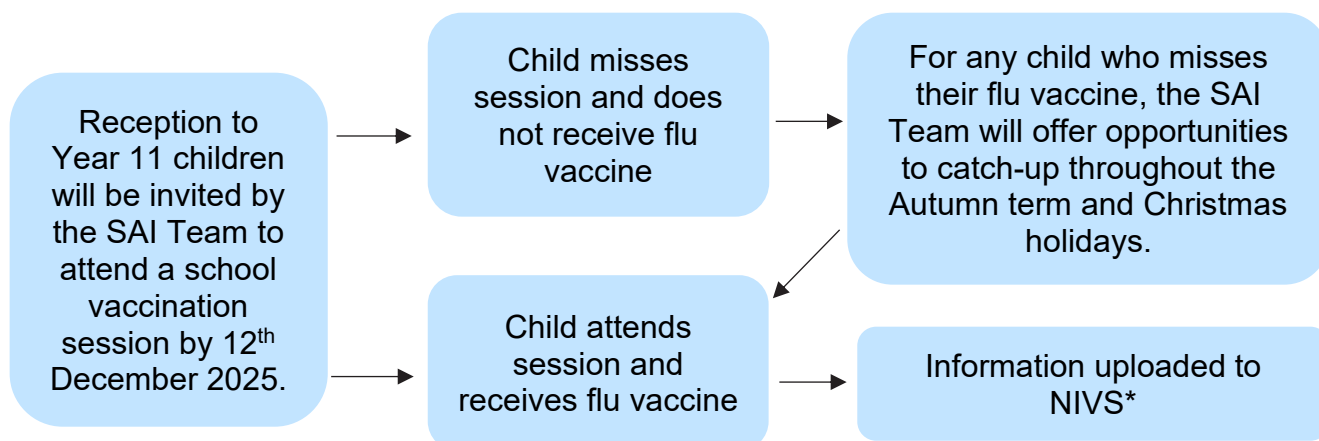
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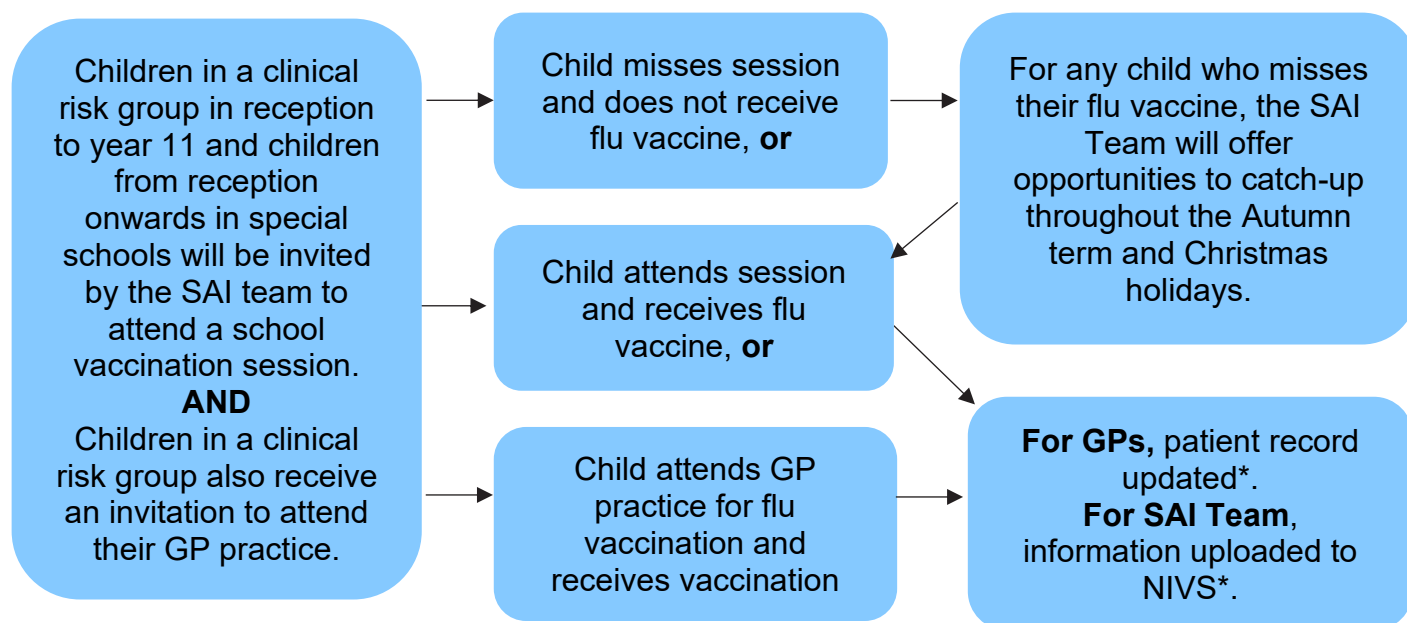
There is no upper age limit for MMR vaccination. The SAI Team will continue to offer MMR alongside other school aged immunisations to complete the full course where possible.

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 2025 to 2026](#) 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.

2025 to 2026 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

IIVc injection

Cell-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine
Available to order from ImmForm

IIVe injection

Egg-cultured inactivated influenza vaccine
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?⁽ⁱ⁾

No

They are not eligible for the flu vaccine

Yes

They should have the injected IIVc

Or IIVe⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ if IIVc 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 IIVc

Or IIVe⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ if IIVc 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 2025, 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. IIVc is available to order from ImmForm for these children.
- (iii) IIVe is not supplied by ImmForm.
- (iv) Or a child who is a household contact of an immunocompromised individual.

Note that IIVx is used on this resource to denote all inactivated influenza vaccines, regardless of how many virus strain antigens are included in the vaccine this season. All vaccines used for the 2025 to 2026 season are trivalent.

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

DOB and Year Groups for 2025/26 Academic Year

School Year	Date of birth	Age
Reception	01.09.20 – 31.08.21	4 to 5
Year 1	01.09.19 – 31.08.20	5 to 6
Year 2	01.09.18 – 31.08.19	6 to 7
Year 3	01.09.17 – 31.08.18	7 to 8
Year 4	01.09.16 - 31.08.17	8 to 9
Year 5	01.09.15 - 31.08.16	9 to 10
Year 6	01.09.14 - 31.08.15	10 to 11
Year 7	01.09.13 – 31.08.14	11 to 12
Year 8	01.09.12 – 31.08.13	12 to 13
Year 9	01.09.11 – 31.08.12	13 to 14
Year 10	01.09.10 – 31.08.11	14 to 15
Year 11	01.09.09 - 31.08.10	15 to 16
Year 12	01.09.08 – 31.08.09	16 to 17
Year 13	01.09.07 - 31.08.08	17 to 18

Contact Information

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

Dorset SAI Provider

Provider	Address	Contact number	Contact email / website
Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust	Vaccination Centre Kings Park Hospital Gloucester Road, Bournemouth BH7 6JF	01425 891162	Email: dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net Website: Dorset HealthCare :: Dorset School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS)

Dorset Child Health Information Service (CHIS)

Provider	Address	Contact number	Contact email / website
Provide CIC	Provide - Child Health 5A Widcombe Street Poundbury Dorset DT1 3BS	0300 303 9996	Email: provide.chisdorset@nhs.net Website: Dorset Child Health Information Service (CHIS) Provide Community

Further information on the SAI service can be found via: [Dorset HealthCare :: Dorset School Age Immunisation Service \(SAIS\)](#). For community clinic information, please contact the SAI Team using the above contact information.

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 guidance, consent forms, posters and leaflets (including translated versions)	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: - Guidance - Consent form - Posters and Leaflets (including translated	Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccination programme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

	versions) - Programme documents	
Adolescent Imms	Leaflets and posters on the HPV, MMR, Flu and MenACWY vaccination programmes, free to order (including translated versions)	Find public health resources - GOV.UK
Flu	Guidance on the childhood flu vaccines for 2025/26	Flu vaccines for children and young people - GOV.UK
Flu	The annual flu letter, outlining the immunisation programme and eligible groups	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan-2025-to-2026
Flu	Information on the adolescent SAI flu programme for secondary schools	Adolescent vaccination programme: briefing for secondary schools 2025 to 2026 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Flu	Resources to support the 25/26 flu season	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)