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Date: ((date))

NHS number: ((nhsNumber))

Vaccinating your child to protect them from measles

Dear parent or guardian of ((fullName)),

Measles cases are increasing in England. Vaccination is the best protection for your child (NHS number: ((nhsNumber))) but their GP record suggests they may not be fully vaccinated.

Measles spreads very easily and infection can lead to serious illness.

How to book their vaccination

Two free doses of the **MMR** (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine or the **MMRV** (measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox – varicella) **vaccine** are necessary for lifelong protection. Your child's GP record suggests they may not have had two doses.

Please contact your child's **GP surgery** to arrange their vaccination.

- If your child was born before 1 January 2020, they will be offered the **MMR vaccine**
- If your child was born on or after 1 January 2020, they will be offered the **MMRV vaccine**

Not sure if your child has had their vaccine?

Please check in your child's red book or ask their GP surgery. If they have had two doses of the MMR or MMRV vaccines, please ask their GP surgery to update their health record.

If you have already booked a vaccination appointment for your child, you don't need to do anything else.

More information

Vaccination is the best way to protect your child against measles, mumps and rubella. Millions of doses of the vaccines are given every year. Most side effects, if they happen, are mild and do not last long.

MMRV has been introduced for children born on or after 1 January 2020, to also offer protection against chickenpox (varicella).

The MMR and MMRV vaccines both contain a small amount of porcine (pork) gelatine. If your child cannot have this, please ask their GP surgery for the alternative vaccines without gelatine.

To read more, go to www.nhs.uk/mmr and www.nhs.uk/mmrv.

Go to www.england.nhs.uk/mmr-invites to get this information in easy read and other languages and formats.

Yours faithfully,

NHS England Vaccinations Team

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