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Dear Parent/Carer

**Polio/MMR campaign**

In response to the findings of the polio virus in sewage in London boroughs last summer, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), advised that all children should be up to date with their Polio Vaccine. On rare occasions poliovirus can cause serious illness, such as paralysis, in people who are not fully vaccinated. There is no treatment specifically for polio, and it can only be prevented by immunisation. Measles cases are also increasing in London and children should be up to date with completion of 2 doses of MMR vaccine. The disease can cause serious complications like meningitis and seizures.

Following on from this, the NHS in London is now offering polio (4 in 1 vaccine – Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio) vaccinations and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) to unvaccinated or partially vaccinated children aged 1 to 11. As part of this catch-up campaign, we are only able to offer missed doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Pertussis (4 in 1), and MMR to school aged children (Reception to Year 6). If you believe your child has missed any other immunisations, or your child is below reception age, please contact your GP practice.

The NHS School Aged Immunisation Team will be contacting the parents of children who are not fully vaccinated to discuss whether your child will be offered a school-based vaccination or a clinic appointment.

- Can we ask that you check your child is up to date with 4 doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio, and 2 doses of MMR by looking through their baby records (red book). Please see below Routine Childhood Immunisation Schedule.
- If our records indicate that your child may be missing immunisations, you will receive a telephone call from the school immunisation team NHS service to discuss further,
- If you think your child has not had these immunisations, you can book an appointment at our community clinic by contacting **0203 317 5076**. Please bring your child's red book to any booked appointments.

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For further information on how vaccines work, what they contain and the most common side effects please visit the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/why-vaccination-is-safe-and-important/>

Age immunisation is given	Diseases protected against	Vaccine given	Trade name
8 weeks old	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and Hepatitis B (6 in 1)	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB	Infanrix hexa
	Rotavirus	Rotavirus	Rotarix
	Meningococcal group B disease	MenB	Bexsero
Three months old	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and Hepatitis B (6 in 1)	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB	Infanrix hexa
	Rotavirus	Rotavirus	Rotarix
	Pneumococcal disease	PCV	Prevenar 13
Four months old	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), Polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and Hepatitis B (6 in 1)	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB	Infanrix hexa
	Meningococcal group B disease	MenB	Bexsero
12 to 13 months	Haemophilus Influenza type b (Hib) and Meningococcal group C	Hib/MenC	Menitorix
	Meningococcal group B disease	MenB booster	Bexsero
	Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR 1)	MMR	MMR VaxPRO 2 or Priorix
	Pneumococcal disease	PCV booster	Prevenar 13
Three years and four months old	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (4 in 1)	dTaP/IPV	Repevax or Boostrix-IPV
	Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR 2)	MMR	MMR VaxPRO 2 or Priorix

Yours sincerely,

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