

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Newsletter: Important information for parents and carers

Bolton NHS Foundation Trust has a dedicated School Aged Immunisation Team made up of highly skilled staff who are experienced in offering vaccinations to all high school aged children in Bolton.

What is Measles?

- The number of people catching Measles is on the rise in Greater Manchester
- Measles can be very serious, causing a rash and high temperature
- Complications include ear and chest infections, diarrhoea, infections of the brain and brain damage.
- Did you know that one person with measles can infect around 15-20 unvaccinated people. Just 15 minutes direct contact with someone infected with measles is enough to transmit the virus



What to do next?

- If you are unsure whether your child has had 1 or 2 doses of the MMR Vaccination, please check your child's red book or contact your GP Practice.
 - MMR vaccinations are currently being offered to any young person in Years **8-11** who we have identified as outstanding, with 1 or more of these vaccinations from our records. If you have received a consent form from the team, please return this as soon as possible to school or via the email address below.
- **If your child is in Year 7, or attends a Sixth Form College attached to a school**, and is outstanding with one or more MMR Vaccinations please contact the Immunisation Team to discuss how your child can receive these vaccinations
- These vaccinations can be given in school. However, the team will also be holding clinics in the school holidays by appointment only.
- **PLEASE NOTE: The Immunisation Team use Priorix to protect against Measles, Mumps and Rubella, which does not contain Porcine Gelatine**

PLEASE REMEMBER: TO BE PROTECTED FROM MEASLES AND OTHER INFECTIONS LIKE MUMPS AND RUBELLA, YOU NEED TO BE PROTECTED WITH 2 DOSES OF THE MMR VACCINATION

For more information visit: [Measles: information for schools and healthcare centres - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nhs.uk/about/nhs-foundation-trusts)

If you have any questions, please contact the immunisation team who can offer advice or assistance.

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