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Dear Parent/Guardian

Vaccination reminder & important changes to the routine childhood immunisation programme.

It's never too late to catch up:

As we approach the end of term, we would like to remind you of the importance of vaccinations and encourage you to use the summer break to catch up on any that your child might have missed. If you have any children who may be starting school in September, and they are not up to date with their immunisations now is the time to catch up before term starts in September.

Vaccines remain our best defence against serious and life-threatening diseases; they are safe and are free on the NHS. Remember it is never too late: if your child has missed any of their vaccinations, please speak to your GP surgery to arrange an appointment. If you have any questions your GP or practice nurse will be happy to talk them through.

Changes to the immunisation programme:

I am writing to inform you that from 1 July 2025, the UK's childhood immunisation schedule will undergo some changes. These changes have been recommended by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) to improve protection against infectious diseases and reflect the latest scientific evidence. Most of these changes only effect children born on or after 1 July 2024.

One of the changes involves the second dose of Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccination taking place earlier at 18 months of age. It is hoped this will improve uptake and help particularly to reduce illness from measles which is currently circulating in the UK and could have harmful consequences for your child. For more information please see here: [Changes to the childhood vaccination programme: why are they happening - GOV.UK](#)

I hope you have a pleasant summer break and thank you in advance for protecting your child.

Yours sincerely

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