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Dear Parent/Carer,

There are a lot of things that need to be done in preparation for your child's first day at school. As part of preparing, making sure your child is up to date with their immunisations is also really important. Having your child immunised is the best way to protect them from serious childhood diseases.

At school your child will be mixing with other children in small spaces which increases the risk of germs spreading. Immunisations will help protect your child from diseases which can be spread very quickly making children very poorly and could lead to serious complications. It is really important your child is fully protected and getting immunised is a safe and effective way of doing this. It also helps protect other people as well.

Your child should have had a pre-school booster and their second Measles, Mumps and Rubella immunisation at the GP practice when they were around 3 and a half years old.

If you are not sure if your child is up to date with their immunisations check their personal health record (Red Book) or contact your GP practice today. For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations).

For Information on MMR in different languages or in an accessible format visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mmr-for-all-general-leaflet>.

We wish your child a happy and healthy start at school.

Yours sincerely,

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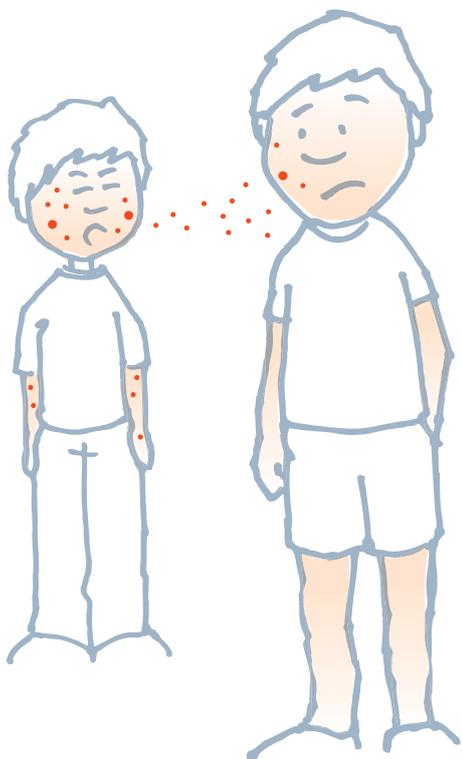


Please record the date and time of your immunisation appointment here and put it in an obvious place in your home.

Vaccination appointment:

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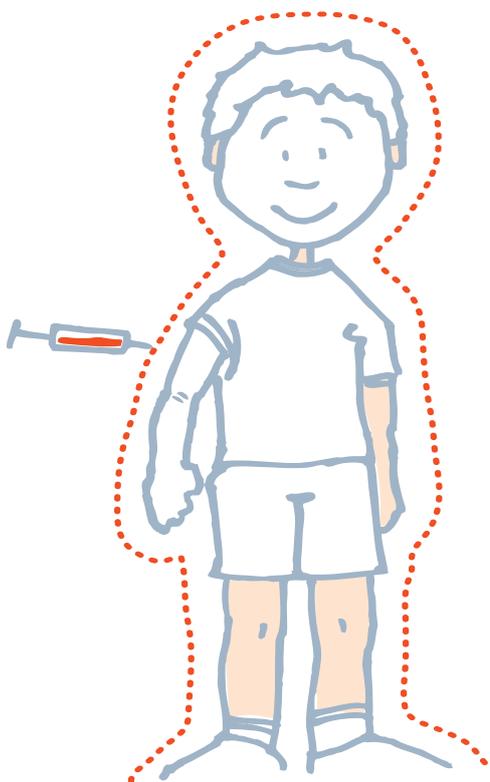
**Measles spreads quickly and can be very serious.**



**Injections stop children catching some diseases such as: Measles, Mumps and Rubella.**



**Vaccines are safe. Many childhood diseases are dangerous.**



**Your child needs 2 doses of MMR. Ask your nurse, health visitor or doctor for advice about children's vaccines.**

