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Childhood vaccination information

Vaccination is the most important thing we can do to protect ourselves and our children against ill health, and to stop infections spreading.

This schedule can help you to keep track of which vaccinations are due for your child and when they need to have them.

Your Health Visitor will visit soon after the birth of your child and will provide you with information and advice on childhood vaccinations.

0 - 4 years

Your child will be invited to receive routine vaccinations at **8 weeks, 12 weeks, 16 weeks, 12 months**, and shortly after their third birthday. They will also be offered the flu vaccine from 2 years of age.



Primary school age

Your child will be offered the intra nasal flu vaccine throughout primary school, from **reception up to and including year 6**.



Secondary school age

Children will continue to be offered the flu vaccine throughout secondary school, up to and including **year 11**.

12 - 13 years

Between **12 and 13 years old** your child will be offered the HPV vaccine.

13 - 14 years

Between **13 and 14 years old**, your child will be offered their teenage booster vaccination, the MenACWY vaccination, which protects against four different causes of meningitis and septicaemia. **Any outstanding childhood vaccinations can be given at this time.**





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Vaccine facts:

Do:

- ✓ Protect your child from many serious and potentially deadly diseases
- ✓ Protect others in your family and community
- ✓ Undergo rigorous safety testing
- ✓ Sometimes cause mild side effects that won't last long - some children may feel a bit unwell or have a sore arm for 2 or 3 days

Do not:

- × Cause autism - studies have found no link between the MMR vaccine and autism
- × Overload or weaken the immune system - it is safe to give several vaccines at the same time and this reduces the number of injections
- × Cause allergies or any other conditions
- × Contain any ingredients that cause harm in such small amounts - but speak to your doctor if your child has any known allergies such as eggs, or you wish to avoid gelatine products

Where are vaccinations given?

Some at your GP surgery, some at your child's school.

How will I know when my child is due for vaccinations?

You will be sent a letter or text, or called to remind you when your child will need their vaccination.

What if my child has missed vaccinations?

It's best to have vaccines on time, but it is never too late. Most vaccines can still be given later.

Contact your GP surgery if:

- Your child has missed any vaccinations
- Your child has a vaccination appointment that you cannot attend, they can arrange a new appointment for you

If you would like further information talk to your Doctor, Health Visitor, Practice Nurse or call **Child Health on 02921 836928.**

For more information go to cavuhb.nhs.wales/patient-advice/local-public-health-team/key-areas-of-focus/immunisations/childhood-immunisations/ or scan this QR code with your phone to open the website



It's never too late to get up to date.