

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

When your child is around 3 years and 6 months of age you should be invited to make an appointment for your child to receive the pre-school immunisations.

This involves two injections, given one in each upper arm.

1. Booster dose of diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio vaccine
2. Second dose of measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (If your child has not had the first dose it should be given now and a second dose in three months time)

Your child needs to be immunised now because protection against these diseases can fade over time. Also immunity to measles, mumps and rubella may not develop after a single dose of the MMR vaccine. The pre-school immunisations will top up your child's level of protection.

We don't hear about most of these diseases anymore because the UK immunisation programme is so successful. But if children do not continue to be immunised the diseases will come back. The diseases are still around in Europe and other parts of the world and as people travel more, there is always a risk that the diseases will be brought back into the country. Children who have not had all their vaccinations will be at risk!

If you have any concerns about the vaccines or the vaccination programme please contact your health visitor or the practice nurse at your doctor's surgery.

Alternatively more information can be found at www.immunisation.nhs.uk or www.warwickshire.nhs.uk

Whatever you do, please don't leave your child unprotected - these diseases can cause harm.

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