**Action for early years settings and schools: measles vaccination uptake**

Measles can be very serious and spreads easily. Children and adults who contract measles can end up in hospital or suffer long term health consequences. In rare cases, it can be fatal.

Measles is completely preventable with the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. The first dose is offered to children at 1 year of age and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. Measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated and can be very disruptive in educational settings.

We are grateful for the support of early years settings, encouraging families to take up the vaccine.

Schools are also encouraged to remind parents to check that their children’s vaccines are up to date. You can catch up on your MMR vaccine through your GP whatever your age.

Information resources (including in different languages) are available to download and share, including:

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| * [resources for schools](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-resources-for-schools?utm_source=17%20July%202023%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) * [MMR parent information leaflet](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mmr-for-all-general-leaflet?utm_source=17%20July%202023%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) |