

13 August 2026

Subject: Protecting your pupils with vaccinations in the Autumn term

Dear Headteacher,

As you know, the NHS offers the influenza vaccination every year to all children from reception to year 11. Achieving a high vaccination uptake protects your school community, as well as the friends and families of your students and staff (including those more vulnerable to seasonal influenza); and supports good school attendance.

School vaccination teams will be in touch to schedule the first vaccinations of the school year, commencing in September. To ensure that as many as possible are protected ahead of the winter months, the majority of flu vaccinations should be completed by the end of November.

Teams will also be offering the MMR for any pupil who has missed previous doses or who is overdue. We will ensure parents and carers are aware that their child can receive their missed MMR vaccine from our school vaccination teams. The MMR vaccine is vital in protecting children from measles, mumps and rubella. Across London we have seen the devastating impact measles can have on children, and offering this through schools can help reach children who are not registered with a GP.

Your support for these immunisation programmes is vital. You can help by:

- Appointing a school contact to liaise with the vaccination team
- Booking in a date for autumn term flu vaccinations before the end of the summer holidays
- Providing the vaccination team with a list of eligible children and their parent or carer's contact details

See more here: [Supporting immunisation programmes for children and young people - GOV.UK](#)

Further information is available in the links included at the end of this letter. For vaccination delivery queries or support, please contact your local provider (in South London, krft.southlondonimms@nhs.net or in North London, schools@vaccinationuk.co.uk) directly in the first instance – they may have a specific contact for each borough. For broader feedback or service improvement suggestions, please contact: ENGLAND.londonimms@nhs.net.

Your local authority public health team works to support vaccine take up and can provide support to your setting. Their contact details can be found on your local council's website.

If you have cases of infectious disease at the school that you are concerned about, UKHSA is available to support you. [Health protection in children and young people's settings](#) and the [A-Z of infectious diseases](#) should be used as the first resource for information and advice when managing common infectious diseases and individual cases in educational settings. If there are concerns or circumstances requiring specialist health protection advice, schools can contact their local Health Protection Team (HPT) via: <https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-team>.

Please see the [Healthy Schools and Healthy Early Years London resource hub](#) which will be updated in early September with relevant information and resources.

Thank you again for your valued support in helping us protect your school community through vaccination.

Yours sincerely,



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Useful links:

Supporting immunisation programmes for children and young people:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/supporting-immunisation-programmes>

Flu vaccination programme 2026 to 2027: briefing for primary schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-in-schools/flu-vaccination-programme-2021-to-2022-briefing-for-schools>

Seven steps to healthier schools and higher school attendance:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/10/reducing-the-spread-of-illness-this-winter-seven-steps-to-healthier-schools-and-higher-school-attendance/>

London vaccination teams:

North London (Vaccination UK): <https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/school-vaccines>

South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisations (Kingston and Richmond NHS Foundation Trust): <https://www.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/services/service-search-z/immunisations-childrens>

Find your local health protection team:

<https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-team>