

## Are Your Child's Immunisations Up-To-Date?

We have noticed the re-appearance of infectious diseases particularly in schools and would like to ask all parents to check that their child/children are up-to-date with their immunisations; please check their red book against the attached schedule.

| At what age to immunise                      | Diseases protected against  | How it is given |
|--|---|-----------------|
| Two months old                               | Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough),<br>Polio and Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)<br>(DTaP/IPV/Hib) | One injection   |
|  | Pneumococcal (PCV)  | One injection   |
| Three months old                             | Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough),<br>Polio and Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)<br>(DTaP/IPV/Hib) | One injection   |
|  | Meningococcal C (MenC)  | One injection   |
| Four months old                              | Diphtheria, Tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough),<br>Polio and Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)<br>(DTaP/IPV/Hib) | One injection   |
|  | MenC (Meningococcal C)  | One injection   |
|  | Pneumococcal (PCV)  | One injection   |
| Between 12 and 13 months of age (i.e. within | Hib/MenC<br>(Haemophilus influenzae type b/ Meningococcal C)  | One injection   |
| a month of the first<br>birthday)**          | Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)  | One injection   |
|  | Pneumococcal (PCV)  | One injection   |
| Three years four months to five years old    | Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (DTaP/IPV or dTaP/IPV)   | One injection   |
|  | Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)  | One injection   |

If your child was born abroad, he or she may have been immunised at different times with different vaccines. Please refer to your own records or contact your GP to ensure you have the most up-to-date immunisation record possible.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE - MEASLES, MUMPS & RUBELLA

It is very important that your child is fully protected against these infectious diseases. Some of these diseases are reappearing in the UK, most notably measles and mumps. These two diseases are now re-emerging and being seen, particularly at schools and other places where young people come together in groups.

If you are concerned that your child is not up-to-date with his or her MMR, please contact your GP as soon as possible. For children over 18 months, they need only wait one month between first and second immunisations. If more parents have their children vaccinated, then more children in the community will be protected against catching these illnesses. This lowers the chance of an outbreak of the disease. For more information on this or any other vaccination, please visit the NHS Choices Website at www.nhs.uk/Planners/vaccinations/Pages/Landing.aspx