

## March Newsletter: Information for parents and schools

Bolton NHS Foundation Trust has a dedicated School Aged Immunisation Team made up of highly skilled staff who are experienced in offering vaccinations to all high school aged children in Bolton.

In this month's Newsletter, the Immunisation Team are focusing on **Measles and the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccination**

### What is Measles?

- Measles is highly infectious and can spread easily through coughing and sneezing.
- Measles can be very serious, causing a rash and high temperature
- Complications include ear and chest infections, diarrhoea, infections of the brain and brain damage.



**Your child is at risk of measles if he or she has not had the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination**

### What to do next?

- If you are unsure whether your child has had 1 or 2 doses of the MMR Vaccination, please check your child's red book or contact your GP Practice.
- If your child is in Years 8 and 10, the Immunisation Team will be offering the MMR Vaccination to any young person who is outstanding, alongside their routine vaccinations. A MMR Consent will be sent home, if your child is identified as being incomplete with 1 or 2 of the MMR Vaccinations.
  - MMR Vaccinations will also be offered to any young person in Year 11 identified as outstanding, before they finish school in the summer. This information will be sent out by letter.
- If your child is in Years 7 or 9, we are kindly asking parents/carers to contact their GP Practice until further guidance is received.
- **PLEASE NOTE: The Immunisation Team use Priorix to protect against Measles, Mumps and Rubella, which does not contain Porcine Gelatine**

For more information visit: [Measles: information for schools and healthcare centres - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

If you have any questions, please contact the immunisation team who can offer advice or assistance.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER: TO BE PROTECTED FROM MEASLES AND OTHER INFECTIONS LIKE MUMPS AND RUBELLA, YOU NEED TO BE PROTECTED WITH 2 DOSES OF THE MMR VACCINATION**