

Secondary School Immunisation Programme

The South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service provides vaccinations for children living in and attending school in twelve south London boroughs.

Providing routine vaccination in schools has numerous benefits for schools and wider communities including providing a healthy environment by reducing the number of vaccine preventable diseases in the school.

What vaccines should my young person have before they start secondary school?

Your child should have received a number of routine vaccinations against some very serious diseases as they were growing up. It is important to check that your child has received **two doses of the MMR vaccine** before starting secondary school to protect them against measles, mumps, and rubella.

What vaccines will my young person be offered during secondary school?

Every young person will be offered the following vaccines during their secondary school career:

Flu vaccine	Every year during the winter term
HPV vaccine	Offered in year 8
3-in-1 teenage booster (DTP vaccine)	Offered in year 9
Meningitis ACWY vaccine	Offered in year 9

Who do we contact about immunisations?

Our friendly and professional team are always happy to answer questions or to help providing resources.

Richmond Immunisation Team:

020 3691 1019

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How do I check my child's vaccination status?

If your child received their routine vaccinations as a baby and young child, it will be recorded in their personal health record (Red Book). You can also ask your GP surgery to check.

What if my child misses their vaccine at school?

Our Immunisation teams run catch-up clinics after school, at the weekends, and during the school holidays.

Head to our website to see all the details of our clinics:
www.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/services/service-search-z/immunisations-childrens

Can students consent to their own vaccinations?

Wherever possible, we always try to receive consent from a parent or guardian before administering vaccination.

Young people under 16 years old can consent to their own treatment if they are deemed to understand the risks and benefits of receiving it. This is known as being Gillick competent. Each young person is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Can my child have their vaccines at our GP surgery?

The Immunisation team are responsible for delivering all school age vaccinations.

Parents are welcome to discuss immunisations with their doctor, but vaccination must be performed either in school, or at one of our catch-up clinics, by our nurses.

My child is nervous about getting vaccinated - what should we do?

Tell your immunisation nurse - they are used to helping people who are nervous and will work with them to overcome your fears.

If you don't want your child to have their vaccines at school, you can come to a catch-up clinic. These clinics are quieter and calmer, and you and your child will have more time to talk to a nurse about their nerves.

How do parents consent to vaccinations?

We use an online consent form to gain parental consents. This is a secure system, and means less time is spent processing paper consent forms.

