

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

In light of the recent cases of invasive meningococcal disease reported in Kent, Sheffield public health services are reminding parents and carers about the importance of ensuring children and young people are up to date with routine vaccinations.

In particular, we would like to highlight the importance of the 6-in-1 (DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB) vaccine and the MenB (meningococcal B) vaccine, which are offered across several doses in the first 18 months of life. These vaccines provide vital protection against serious illnesses, including meningitis and sepsis. While these are usually given in infancy, children who have missed one or more doses can still catch up.

It also crucial to ensure children are fully vaccinated against measles, as we know the disease continues to circulate in Yorkshire.

If any doses have been missed, they can be caught up by contacting your child's GP practice or by attending a local School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) drop-in clinic. Further information on clinic locations and times is available here:

<https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing/school-age-immunisation-service/> “

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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