

Changes to the Childhood Immunisation Programme (effective 1 January 2026)

Recent updates to the childhood vaccination schedule have come into effect and may raise some questions. The key changes are:

1. 12-month vaccinations

Children invited for their 1-year immunisations will now receive:

- - **MMRV invited for:(a combined measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox vaccine)**
 - **Pneumococcal vaccine**
 - **Meningitis B vaccine**

2. 18-month vaccinations


At 18 months, children will be invited for:

- **A second dose of MMRV**
- The **6-in-1 vaccine** (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, Hib and hepatitis B)

3. Pre-school booster catch-up

Children who have not previously received an MMRV will be offered it as part of a **catch-up programme running from November 2026 to March 2028.**

Further information is available at:

 <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>