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## Re: School Vaccination Programme for pupils in Junior Infants

Dear Parent or Guardian,

In this pack you will read information about your child's vaccinations. Please read the information, complete the consent form and return it in the provided envelope.

### What vaccines your child will receive

The HSE school vaccination team will visit schools during the school year to offer booster doses of the following vaccines:

- **4 in 1** vaccine which protects against diphtheria, polio, tetanus and whooping cough (pertussis)
- **MMR** vaccine which protects against measles, mumps and rubella

### How many doses your child needs to receive

Your child needs to receive one dose of 4 in 1 vaccine and one dose of MMR vaccine.

The nurse or doctor will give one injection in each arm.

### When the visits will take place

The HSE school vaccination team will visit schools during the school year. The school will know the date when the vaccinations are due to take place.

### What you will find with this letter

- Information leaflets about the vaccines and the diseases they prevent. Please read this information carefully and you can also use them to discuss these vaccinations with your child.
- Consent form for vaccination.
  - Please complete consent form.
  - Return this form in the envelope provided before the vaccinations begin.
  - This form must be completed in BLOCK CAPITALS in pen and signed by the parent or guardian.

### What you could do to help on the day of vaccination

On the day of vaccination, please make sure your child:

- Eats breakfast
- Wears a loose fitting short sleeved top
- Brings their immunisation record card/immunisation passport to school, if they have one.

If you have any questions or concerns, members of the school vaccination team are happy to help. The contact numbers for the vaccination teams are available on [www.immunisation.ie](http://www.immunisation.ie) where you will also find more information about this programme.

Yours sincerely,

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