

How to use the new Red Book inserts for the changes to the routine childhood immunisation schedule 2025

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When you receive the updated inserts, you will need to determine which of the inserts are needed for that infant or child. Each set is 6 pages.

Not all children will require every page of a full set of inserts.

You can read more about the changes to the childhood schedule which include the introduction of a new routine vaccination appointment at 18 months of age, in the **Changes to the routine childhood vaccination schedule from 1 July 2025** letter available at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-the-routine-childhood-schedule-letter

You can view the Guidance for healthcare practitioners on the routine childhood schedule changes from 1 July 2025 and training slide set here:

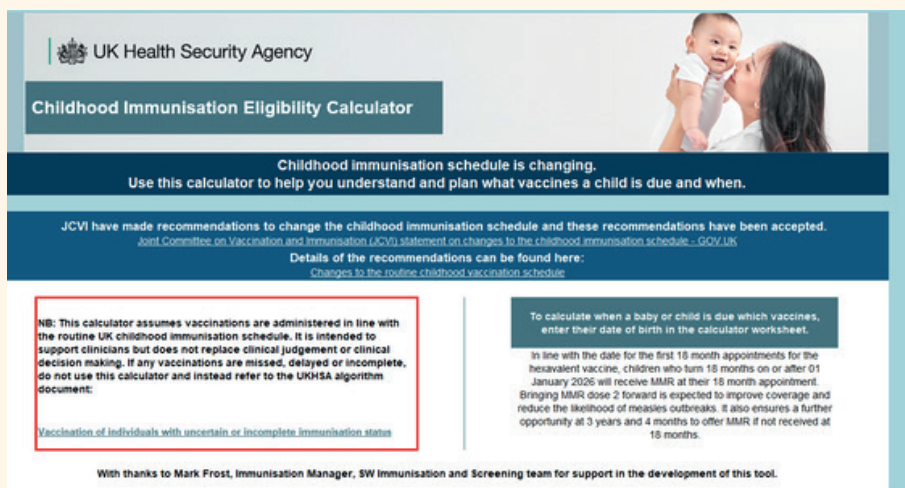
www.gov.uk/government/publications/childhood-schedule-changes-from-1-july-2025-information-for-healthcare-practitioners

Which vaccines does this child need – date of birth calculator

A Childhood Immunisation Eligibility calculator is available to download from the **Health Publications website**. When you enter the child's date of birth, it will tell you which vaccines they will need and when they need them.

The calculator should be used as part of the process – you should also refer to the information source mentioned above and to:

Childhood schedule changes from 1 July 2025: information for healthcare practitioners



The screenshot shows the 'Childhood Immunisation Eligibility Calculator' interface. At the top, it says 'UK Health Security Agency' and 'Childhood Immunisation Eligibility Calculator'. Below this, a message states: 'Childhood immunisation schedule is changing. Use this calculator to help you understand and plan what vaccines a child is due and when.' A blue banner below that reads: 'JCVI have made recommendations to change the childhood immunisation schedule and these recommendations have been accepted. Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) statement on changes to the childhood immunisation schedule - GOV.UK. Details of the recommendations can be found here: Changes to the routine childhood vaccination schedule'. There are two main text boxes. The left one, titled 'NB: This calculator assumes vaccinations are administered in line with the routine UK childhood immunisation schedule. It is intended to support clinicians but does not replace clinical judgement or clinical decision making. If any vaccinations are missed, delayed or incomplete, do not use this calculator and instead refer to the UKHSA algorithm document.', is highlighted with a red border. The right one, titled 'To calculate when a baby or child is due which vaccines, enter their date of birth in the calculator worksheet.', contains instructions: 'In line with the date for the first 18 month appointments for the hexavalent vaccine, children who turn 18 months on or after 01 January 2026 will receive MMR at their 18 month appointment. Bringing MMR dose 2 forward is expected to improve coverage and reduce the likelihood of measles outbreaks. It also ensures a further opportunity at 3 years and 4 months to offer MMR if not received at 18 months.' At the bottom, it says 'With thanks to Mark Frost, Immunisation Manager, SW Immunisation and Screening team for support in the development of this tool.'

The following instructions are provided to help you establish which of the new page inserts each child will need.

Your child will be offered the following vaccines

Age Due	Immunisation
8 weeks	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB and MenB and Rota* (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis [whooping cough], inactivated polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> b [Hib], hepatitis B vaccine) and meningococcal B vaccine and rotavirus vaccine
12 weeks	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB and MenB and Rota* (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis [whooping cough], inactivated polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> b [Hib], hepatitis B vaccine), meningococcal B vaccine and rotavirus vaccine
16 weeks	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB and PCV (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis [whooping cough], inactivated polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> b [Hib], hepatitis B vaccine) and pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
One year	PCV (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine) and MenB (meningococcal B vaccine) and MMR (measles, mumps, rubella vaccine)
18 months	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis [whooping cough], inactivated polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> b [Hib], hepatitis B vaccine) and MMR (measles, mumps, rubella vaccine)
Annually from 2 years old	Influenza Vaccine (The eligible age groups in childhood are kept under review and advice is updated each year)
3 years 4 months	DTaP/IPV or dTaP/IPV (diphtheria or low dose diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis, inactivated polio vaccine) PRE-SCHOOL IMMUNISATIONS
12 and 13 years	HPV (human papillomavirus vaccine) (School year 8)
Around 14 years (School years 9/10)	dT/IPV (low dose diphtheria, tetanus, inactivated polio vaccine) TEENAGE BOOSTER MenACWY (meningococcal ACWY vaccine)

Some babies need BCG* and/or extra hepatitis B vaccines. If in doubt discuss this with your midwife/health visitor.

The immunisations your child is offered may change with time. Your health visitor or practice nurse will talk to you and give you written information about immunisations. A range of leaflets about vaccination at different ages are here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation>. Information on vaccination is also available at nhs.uk: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>.

***BCG and Rota vaccines should only be given after checking SCID screening result.**

Are you protected against rubella (German measles)? If not, you need to have had two doses of MMR, to protect you and future babies.

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Your child will be offered the following vaccines

This is an updated page. Only give this page to babies born from **1/7/2024** and remove old version.

Primary course of immunisations

* Please place a sticker (if available) otherwise write in space provided.

Surname:
 First names:
 NHS number: Unit no:
 Address: Sex: M / F
 Post code: D.O.B:
 G.P: Code:
 H.V: Code:

Breastfeeding

at 1st Imm:
Totally ☐ Partially ☐ Not at all ☐

at 2nd Imm:
Totally ☐ Partially ☐ Not at all ☐

at 3rd Imm:
Totally ☐ Partially ☐ Not at all ☐

Vaccine	Vaccine Trade Name	Date	Batch No.	Site/route	Immuniser Name in CAPITALS	Venue
8 weeks						
DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB						
MenB						
Rota*				By mouth		
12 weeks						
DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB						
MenB						
Rota*				By mouth		
16 weeks						
DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB						
PCV						

***Rotavirus vaccine should only be given after checking for SCID screening result.**

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Primary course of immunisations

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Primary Course of immunisations

This is an updated page for babies who haven't yet received their 12 week immunisations – it **must** be given to those born from **6/5/2025**. If the baby has already had their 8 week vaccines, keep the old page with date of vaccines given and add the new page.

Hepatitis B infant immunisation programme for those at increased risk

* Please place a sticker (if available) otherwise write in space provided.

Surname:

First names:

NHS number: Unit no:

Address: Sex: M / F

Post code: D.O.B:

G.P: Code:

H.V: Code:

Mother's surname:

Mother's first name:

Mother's NHS number:

Indications for hepatitis B vaccine

☐ Mother is hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) positive

Indications for hepatitis B immunoglobulin in addition to vaccine (tick all that apply)

☐ Mother had acute hepatitis B during pregnancy

☐ Mother is hepatitis B e antigen (HBeAg) positive or e antibody (anti-HBe) negative

☐ Mother has high viral load (HBV DNA $\geq 1 \times 10^6$ IU/ml)

☐ Mother is HBsAg positive and baby's birth weight < 1.5 kg

The complete immunisation schedule for babies at increased risk is six doses of hepatitis B containing vaccine

Age	Immunisation and Follow up required	Date	Vaccine Trade Name	Batch No.	Site	Immuniser (Name in capitals)	Venue
Within 24 hours of birth	Monovalent HepB Hepatitis B immunoglobulin (if needed)						
4 weeks	Monovalent HepB						
8 weeks	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB		also complete page 20 *		also complete page 20		
12 weeks	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB		also complete page 20 *		also complete page 20		
16 weeks	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB		also complete page 20 *		also complete page 20		
12-18 months	Blood test for HBsAg (refer to specialist if positive)		Result				
18 months	DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB		also complete page 21a *		also complete page 21a		

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Hepatitis B infant immunisation programme for those at increased risk

This only applies for babies whose Red Book contains this page. This is an updated page for babies born from **1/7/2024**. Do not remove the existing page if it contains dates of doses already given.

Immunisations at 12 months of age

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* Please place a sticker (if available) otherwise write in space provided.

Surname:

First names:

NHS number: Unit no:

Address: Sex: M / F

Post code: D.O.B:

G.P: Code:

H.V: Code:

Breastfeeding at all at 1st birthday:

Yes ☐ No ☐

Vaccine	Vaccine Trade Name	Date	Batch No.	Site/route	Immuniser Name in CAPITALS	Venue
One year						
PCV						
MenB						
MMR (1st dose)						

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Immunisations at 12 months of age

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If child born from **1/7/2024**, remove old page and replace with new one.

Immunisations at 18 months

* Please place a sticker (if available) otherwise write in space provided.

Surname:

First names:

NHS number: Unit no:

Address: Sex: M / F

Post code: D.O.B: / /

G.P: Code:

H.V: Code:

Vaccine	Vaccine Trade Name	Date	Batch No.	Site/route	Immuniser Name in CAPITALS	Venue
18 months						
DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB						
MMR (2nd dose)						

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Immunisations at 18 months

This is a brand new page for all babies born from **1/7/2024**.

Pre-school immunisations - 3 years 4 months

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* Please place a sticker (if available) otherwise write in space provided.

Surname:

First names:

NHS number: Unit no:

Address: Sex: M / F

Post code: D.O.B: / /

G.P: Code:

H.V: Code:

Vaccine	Vaccine Trade Name	Date	Batch No.	Site/route	Immuniser Name in CAPITALS	Venue
DTaP/IPV or dTaP/IPV						
Other						

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Check two doses of MMR vaccine have been given

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Pre-school immunisations – 3 years 4 months

This is an updated page for babies born from **1/7/2024**. Remove the existing page.

If vaccines are already recorded on a page, even if the schedule has now changed for that child, keep that page in the Red Book as a record of previous vaccines given.

Don't forget to order enough inserts for any stock of Red Books you currently have.