

Giving your child the best start in life

Immunisations

Why should I immunise my child?

Immunisation is the safest and most effective way of protecting your baby against serious diseases. By having your baby immunised at the recommended times you are protecting them through early childhood against:

- Diphtheria
- Tetanus
- Whooping cough (pertussis)
- Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)
- Polio
- Meningitis C (meningococcal group C)
- Pneumococcal infection
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella (German measles).

These diseases can be very serious. Immunising your child not only protects them, it also prevents the diseases spreading and protects other children who cannot be immunised because they have serious medical conditions.

The childhood vaccine programme now offers extra protection against:

- Meningitis
- Blood poisoning
- Pneumonia
- Ear infections.

For more information:

Pick up the leaflets:

'A guide to childhood immunisations for babies up to 13 months of age'

Pre-school immunisations: A guide to vaccinations for three to five year-olds

Talk to your doctor, practice nurse or health visitor

Visit www.immunisation.nhs.uk