



Information for the Pre-School Setting Manager

Every year immunisation saves more lives worldwide than any other medical intervention. In Wales, immunisation is a key measure in keeping children healthy and giving them the best start in life. That is why we are keen to help you ensure that the parents/ guardians of every child attending your pre-school setting have been given up to date information about the immunisations their child should have had, and why we encourage all children and staff to be fully immunised.

Nurseries and pre-school settings can play a valuable role in preventing outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases by promoting childhood vaccination through including questions about the child's vaccination status during the registration procedure.

Parents/guardians should be encouraged to ensure their children are up to date with routine immunisations for the wellbeing of their child, and others at the pre-school setting. This should be considered a basic part of infection control. We would also encourage you to keep a record of the immunisation status of your staff, as this will help protect them and the children in your care. We recommend all eligible staff take up the offer of a COVID-19 vaccine. More information on the COVID-19 vaccination can be found at: phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-information. If you identify any immunisations have been missed, you may wish to make a plan of action with the staff member and revisit this when you do your staff reviews.

Access to the immunisation status of children and staff at your pre-school setting would allow health professionals to respond quickly and efficiently in the event of a disease outbreak.

The Healthy and Sustainable Pre-School Scheme, a framework for promoting health and sustainability in pre-school settings, has been embedded across Wales. A key aim of the scheme is to reduce the risk of diseases through immunisation of children and staff, and this resource pack has been developed to assist the settings in meeting the standards.

The pre-school immunisation resource pack contains template letters for parents/guardians and staff which includes a brief checklist to record immunisation status and information on useful contacts.

Immunisation leaflets and posters can be ordered and downloaded from phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/health-information-resources.

Further information on promoting vaccination in your pre-school setting is available from your Immunisation Coordinator within your local Health Board or alternatively you can contact your named Health Visitor. Information on Infection Prevention and Control is available from phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/harp/infection-prevention-and-control/nipcm/chapter-1-standard-infection-control-precautions-sicps.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the children in your care are up to date with their immunisations.