

# Protect Your Child

## Key Message

- Is your child ready for school? Are they up to date with their vaccination?
- Before they start school they should have had their 2<sup>nd</sup> Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) and their vaccination for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio (DTaP/IPV)
- Unsure? Check your child's vaccination status with your GP Surgery



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## Why is vaccination important?

- Protects our children against deadly diseases: measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, polio...
- These diseases are rare because of our the success of our vaccination programme
- High rates of vaccination protect everyone: our children, older people, families, and our communities
- Uptake of some vaccinations have declined in Gloucestershire. This has resulted in cases of measles, with some children admitted to hospital with serious complications.



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## What do I do now?

- If unsure that your child is protected, check with their GP Surgery
- If your child is missing a vaccination, don't worry, arrange a catch up vaccination with the GP Surgery before your child starts school
- Find more information on the NHS Choices website, just search "vaccination".



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**The Vaccination schedule  
can be found at :-**

[http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/  
vaccinations/Pages/vaccination  
-schedule-age-checklist.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx)

