



# Children's Immunisations



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All vaccinations have been through rigorous research and testing to ensure that they are safe before being offered to children.

Having an injection can cause some pain, redness or tenderness at the injection site, or a mild fever. These side effects are minimal when compared to the effects of the diseases that they prevent.

Previously, it was suggested that the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine could lead to the development of autism. This has been the subject of many research studies and we now know that **there is no link between MMR vaccination and autism.**

### Vaccinations save lives

The routine childhood vaccinations protect children from diseases such as pertussis (whooping cough), meningitis, measles, tetanus and pneumonia. All of these illnesses are seen in the UK (including in Worcestershire) and all of these illnesses can be fatal to children.

### Vaccinations protect other people that you care about

When children or adults accept vaccinations it helps reduce the spread of illness and this can protect other people including family and friends.



### Vaccinations do not weaken or overload the immune system

It's safe to give children and adults several vaccines at the same time, this reduces the number of injections needed. Vaccinations do not cause allergies.

More information can be found on this website:

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parents/carers/keeping-your-child-safe-and-healthy/childhood-vaccinations-essential-information>



You want to do what is best for your child. You know about the importance of car seats, stair gates, and other ways to keep them safe. But, did you know that one of the best ways to protect them is to make sure they have all of their vaccinations?

