

# Manchester's guide to free childhood vaccinations.

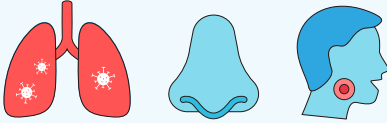
When and how to help your child  
stay well and stay in school.



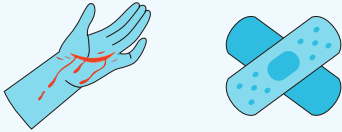
# Babies



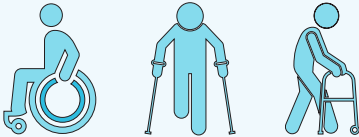
From **8 weeks to 1 year old** your child will be offered vaccinations against serious diseases and conditions including:



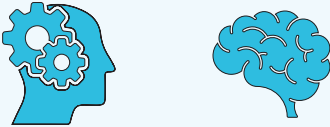
**Diphtheria** damages lungs, nose and throat



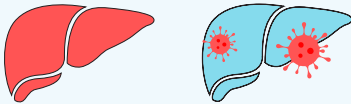
**Tetanus** causes sickness by germs getting into cuts and wounds



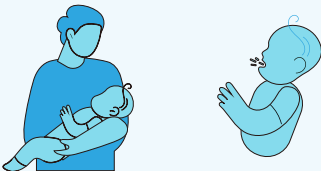
**Polio** damages the nervous system and can paralyse people



**Haemophilus influenzae type B** can cause brain infection



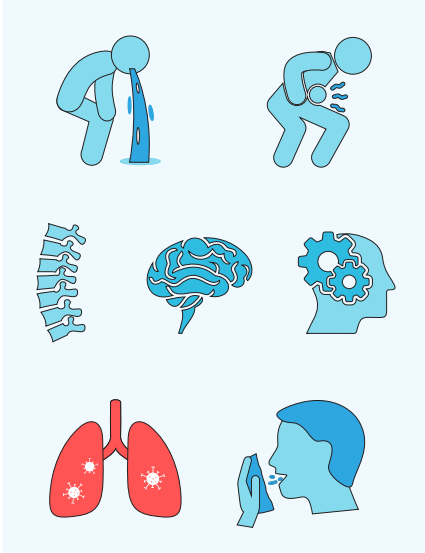
**Hepatitis B** liver infection



**Whooping cough** lung and breathing infection.

**Whooping cough** cases have been on the rise in **Manchester**, so this is very important.

They will also be offered vaccines or treatment to prevent:



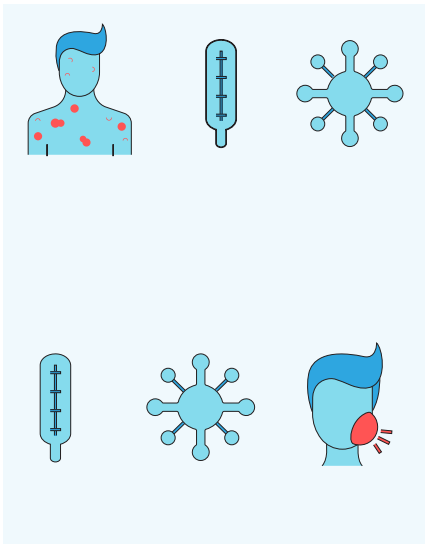
**Rotavirus** severe stomach bug

**Meningitis** infection that can damage brain and spine

some infections that can cause **Pneumonia** (lung and breathing problems).

## Toddlers

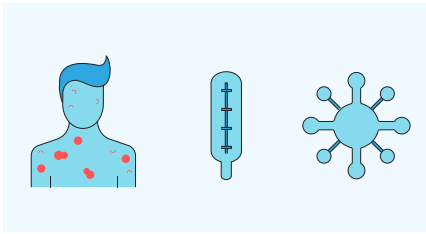
**At age 1** they will be offered a vaccination called **MMR**, which is really important because it protects against:



**Measles** (easily spread infection that can cause serious breathing problems and spots on skin)

**Measles** is about in **Manchester** and it can make **babies and older people very ill**

**Mumps** (makes glands on face and other areas swell)



**Rubella** (affects skin and is very dangerous for pregnant women because it can damage a baby in the womb).

**From the age of 2 (up to 15)** they will be offered a flu (breathing, cold-like illness) **vaccine** every year.

**From 3 years old** they will be offered a second dose of **MMR**, as well as other **boosters** (top up dose of a previous vaccination) to make sure they are **ready for school**.



You can read more on the NHS website:  
**[www.nhs.uk/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations)**

If you have any other concerns for your family around bills, heating or food, you can also ring our free Cost of Living Advice Line on **0800 023 2692**, or text on **07860 022876**. **[manchester.gov.uk/coladvice](http://manchester.gov.uk/coladvice)**

