



## World Immunisation Week

24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Immunisation for All is Humanly Possible

**Vaccines are one of humanity's greatest achievements.**

Over the last 50 years, essential vaccines have saved at least **154 million lives. That's 6 lives a minute, every day, for five decades.**

In these 50 years, vaccination accounts for 40% of the improvement in infant survival, and more children now live to see their first birthday and beyond than at any other time in human history. Measles vaccine alone accounts for 60% of those lives saved.

There are more lives to be saved by building on these achievements. The future of immunization means not only reaching millions of children who have never received a single shot, but protecting grandparents from influenza, babies from malaria and RSV, pregnant mothers from tetanus, and young girls from HPV.

#### Vaccines do

- help to protect you and your child from many serious and potentially deadly diseases
- protect other people in your family and community – by helping to stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have vaccines, such as babies too young to be vaccinated and those who are too ill to be vaccinated
- undergo rigorous safety testing before being introduced – they're also constantly monitored for side effects after being introduced
- sometimes cause mild side effects that will not last long – you may feel a bit unwell and have a sore arm for 2 or 3 days
- reduce or even get rid of some diseases – if enough people are vaccinated

#### Useful websites:

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations>

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

[School Vaccinations UK](#)

#### Support is Available

Parents and carers if you would like further help or support for your child or teenager, Send a message to:

**07312 263 080**

Receive an answer within one working day from a qualified school nurse. Monday to Friday, 9am-4.30pm.



Young people in Hounslow can text a school nurse for confidential advice and support:

**07507 333176**

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