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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **BCG vaccination for children in Reception and Year 1**

In the UK, like many other countries, the BCG vaccine is offered to babies and children who are more likely than the general population to have contact with someone with Tuberculosis (TB). Eligible babies & young children are usually identified by the midwife or health visitor in pregnancy or birth, you can check to see if your child has had their BCG vaccination in their red book.

**Please ignore this letter if your child has already had this vaccination.**

The BCG vaccination is the most effective way of protecting your child against serious forms of TB (Tuberculosis) such as TB meningitis. [BCG vaccine for tuberculosis \(TB\) overview - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

**Please Note: The BCG vaccine is NOT routinely offered to all children – it only applies to children under 16 years of age – who are thought to have an increased risk of contact with the TB virus.**

#### **Does my child need a BCG Vaccination?**

If your child is under 16yrs and you answered ‘**Yes**’ to any of the following questions, your child is eligible to have a BCG vaccination if he or she hasn’t already had one.

- Any parents or grandparents, born in a country with a high rate of TB ([see the list below](#))
- Are you and your child planning to live or to stay with friends and family in one of these high-risk countries for a prolonged period? (for at least 3 months)?
- Does anyone who lives with your child, or who spends a lot of time with your child, have TB now or had TB in the recent past?

If you have answered **Yes** to any of the above questions, please complete an online consent form for each child, **click on the link below:**

[BCG Vaccination Consent Form \(bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk\)](http://bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk)

The code for your child’s school is: **BN999996**

A member of the team will contact you if your child is eligible. If you would like to speak to a member of the team please contact **01274 221269** and the team will call you back.

Yours Sincerely,

School Immunisation Team

[School Immunisation team - Bradford - Better Lives Healthy Futures \(betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk\)](http://betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk)

**Table 1: High incidence countries (estimated incidence rate of 40 per 100,000 or greater)**

<b>Country or territory</b>
Afghanistan
Algeria
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia, Plurinational State of
Botswana
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Central African Republic
Chad
China
China, Macao SAR
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Congo, Democratic Republic of the
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Eswatini
Ethiopia
Fiji
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Greenland

Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Hong Kong SAR, China
India
Indonesia
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Korea: Democratic People's Republic of
Korea: Republic of
Kiribati
Kyrgyzstan
Lao, People's Democratic Republic
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Micronesia, Federated States of
Moldova, Republic of
Mongolia
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Niue
Northern Mariana Islands

Pakistan
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Africa
South Sudan
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Taiwan
Tajikistan
Tanzania, United Republic of
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Tokelau
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu
Uganda
Ukraine
Uzbekistan
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
Viet Nam
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Updated 13 June 2022 [WHO estimates of tuberculosis incidence by country and territory, 2020 \(accessible text version\)](#) - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))