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Dear Parent/Carer,

BCG vaccination for children in Reception

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)

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** (estimated incidence rate of 40 per 100,000 or greater) Please use the link below to check specific countries, if unsure please contact the team on **01274 221269** and a member of the team will call back.
  TB profile
- **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**:
https://www.bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/BCG
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,

The School Vaccination & Immunisation Service
School Immunisation team - Bradford - Better Lives Healthy Futures (betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk)