

Polio Booster for children aged 6-9

Dear Parent/Carer,

Polio booster campaign

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Why is my child being offered a polio booster? Since February 2022, we have found a type 2 polio virus in sewage samples taken from north London. This suggests that the virus is now spreading between people. This has probably happened because vaccine uptake for the infant and toddler vaccinations in London is lower than it should be. By giving an extra polio vaccine dose we aim to boost each child's protection, starting with the areas of London where the virus has been detected. Boosting immunity in those who are already vaccinated should also help to reduce the risk of the virus continuing to spread

How can my child get the polio booster?

Vaccination UK will be visiting your school to administer the Polio vaccination on Friday 11th November. Please call or email your immunisation Team – contact details below, if you wish for your child to have the Polio vaccination at school.

Yours Faithfully

Barking and Dagenham School Immunisation team

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