

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, it was recently announced that thousands of young people across England will get protection against meningococcal B (MenB) disease through a one-off vaccination programme launching ahead of the 2026/27 academic year. Full details can be found in this [UKHSA blog](#).

This one-off vaccination programme will help to protect those at highest immediate risk of MenB disease, while the government monitors and assesses new evidence to determine whether there has been a change in the way MenB affects people, and whether any further vaccine rollout response is required.

From 20 July 2026, the Men B vaccine will be offered as a one-off vaccination programme for:

- teenagers aged 17 or 18 who were born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008
- young people aged 24 or under who are starting university or some types of residential further education for the first time

The [national booking system](#) is expected to go live on **13th July** where you can book an appointment directly at a community pharmacy. Alternatively, there may be local vaccination catch-up clinics that will also cover this vaccination. All people within the year 13 date of birth range will receive the offer irrespective of their education plans. **Two doses are essential for protection, so please book the first dose as soon as possible.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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