

IMMUNISATION STATEMENT

Applies to	Brookhill, Hampden Way and St Margaret's Nursery Schools, and BEYA Children's Centre provision
Overall responsibility	Executive Headteacher
Approved	Autumn 2026
Review	Autumn 2027
Review sooner if	National or local public-health guidance changes

Our commitment

Barnet Early Years Alliance (BEYA) is committed to promoting the health and wellbeing of children, families and staff and to reducing the spread of vaccine-preventable infectious diseases.

Vaccination is an important part of protecting individual children and the wider community. BEYA strongly encourages parents and carers to ensure that their child receives the routine vaccinations offered through the NHS childhood immunisation programme.

Immunisation and admission to BEYA

A child's immunisation status is not a condition of admission or attendance at BEYA. Families will not be refused a nursery place or access to Children's Centre services because their child is not fully immunised.

As part of our admission arrangements, parents and carers are asked to provide information about their child's immunisation status. This information helps BEYA to promote children's health and to respond appropriately should there be a case or outbreak of a vaccine-preventable infectious disease.

Parents and carers are encouraged to tell us when their child's immunisation information changes.

Supporting families

Where our information indicates that a child may not be fully immunised for their age, our approach will be supportive and without judgement.

A member of the BEYA Children's Centre team may offer the parent or carer an opportunity to discuss this. Depending on the family's needs, staff may:

- provide appropriate NHS or UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) information about childhood vaccinations;
- encourage the family to check their child's Red Book or vaccination record;
- signpost families to their GP, health visitor or other appropriate NHS service;
- help families understand how to access vaccination where practical barriers exist; and
- provide further support or signposting where appropriate.

BEYA recognises that there may be many reasons why a child is not fully immunised, including missed appointments, moving between areas or countries, difficulties accessing healthcare, medical advice, or a family still considering the information available.

BEYA staff will not provide individual medical advice or make clinical judgements about whether a child should receive a particular vaccination. Parents and carers with questions about their child's individual circumstances will be directed to an appropriate healthcare professional.

Outbreaks and infectious disease

If BEYA becomes aware of a case or suspected outbreak of an infectious disease, we will follow current UKHSA guidance and seek advice from the local Health Protection Team where required.

During an outbreak, the Health Protection Team may ask the setting for relevant information, including information about vaccination uptake, to support its risk assessment. BEYA will cooperate with requests for information and with any recommended public-health measures, while sharing personal information only where there is an appropriate lawful basis.

BEYA will not independently exclude a child simply because they are not fully immunised. Any additional precautions or restrictions during an outbreak will be based on current public-health guidance and advice.

Staff

BEYA will encourage staff to check that their own routine immunisations are up to date and to seek advice from their GP practice if they are unsure or need to catch up. Where reasonably possible, staff will be supported to attend routine immunisation appointments.

Confidentiality

Information about an individual child's immunisation status is health information and will be handled appropriately in accordance with BEYA's data protection arrangements. It will be shared only where there is a legitimate reason to do so, including where information is required to support an appropriate public-health response.

BEYA immunisation pathway

Step	Approach
ASK	Ask parents and carers for immunisation information as part of admission.
RECORD	Keep the information appropriately with the child's records.
TALK	Where appropriate, offer a supportive conversation without judgement.
INFORM	Provide trusted NHS/UKHSA information.
SIGNPOST / SUPPORT	Help families identify appropriate health services and overcome practical barriers where possible.
UPDATE	Encourage families to tell BEYA when immunisation information changes.

BEYA PRINCIPLE

Inform, encourage and support — without judgement.

Key guidance

This statement reflects current UKHSA health-protection guidance for children and young people's settings, including specific advice for early years settings, and the NHS routine childhood immunisation programme. BEYA will review this statement if national or local public-health guidance changes.