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### Immunisation Statement

At Brook House Nursery we promote the health and wellbeing of the setting through encouraging parents/carers to immunise their children and by providing consistent messages to parents/carers and staff.

Vaccines are the most effective way to prevent many infectious diseases. They prevent millions of deaths worldwide every year.

Since vaccines were introduced in the UK, diseases like smallpox, polio and tetanus that used to kill or disable millions of people are either gone or are now very rarely seen.

Other diseases like measles and diphtheria have reduced to a very low number of cases each year since vaccines were introduced. These cases are often related to travel.

Anti-vaccine stories are often spread online through social media and offline.

Always get your vaccine and health information from trusted sources, such as the NHS or World Health Organisation (WHO).

The vaccine information on social media may not be based on scientific evidence and could put your child at risk of a serious illness.

All the current evidence tells us that getting vaccinated is safer than not getting vaccinated.

#### Things you need to know about vaccines

##### Vaccines do

- help to protect you and your child from many serious and potentially deadly diseases
- protect other people in your family and community – by helping to stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have vaccines, such as babies (too young to be vaccinated) and those who are too ill to be vaccinated



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- undergo rigorous safety testing before being introduced – they're also constantly monitored for side effects after being introduced
- sometimes cause mild side effects that will not last long – you may feel a bit unwell and have a sore arm for 2 or 3 days
- reduce or even get rid of some diseases – if enough people are vaccinated

### Vaccines do not

- Overload or weaken the immune system – it's safe to give children and adults several vaccines at a time and this reduces the number of injections needed
- do not contain mercury (thiomersal)
- do not contain any ingredients that can cause harm – only ingredients essential to make them safer and more effective and only in very small amounts
- do not cause autism – studies have found no evidence of a link between the MMR vaccine and autism

We promote positive messages about immunisation and encourage parents/carers to fully immunise their children by posting relevant information, links and leaflets on our Parent's Notice Boards and via online newsfeed on the Family app. If a child is not immunised, we encourage parents or carers to go to their GP or talk to their health visitor to find out more about immunisations.

At the start of the nursery parents/cares are completing an application form that includes parts 'Red Book seen. We can then monitor who has not been vaccinated at the setting as some children under our care may be at a higher risk of exposure to infectious diseases. These helps us to quickly identify which parents/carers need to be informed if there is an outbreak of a specific disease. We also provide a leaflet about immunisation in our 'Welcome pack'. For more information please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/>