

# Protect your child against Polio



## What is Polio?

- Polio is an infection caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system – it can cause permanent paralysis of muscles.
- Polio is now very rare because of the vaccination programme.
- The best way to prevent polio is to make sure your child is up to date with their vaccinations.

## Who can get vaccinated?

You can get a polio vaccination for your child if:

- your child is aged between 5 to 9 years old and has not been vaccinated against polio
- your child is aged between 5 to 9 years old and hasn't completed their routine childhood polio vaccinations

Contact your GP or check your child's personal child health record (red book) to find out if your child is up to date with their routine polio vaccinations. If your child is aged under 5 years old, please discuss polio vaccinations with your GP.

## Where can my child get vaccinated?

In February, polio clinics are taking place in the following places for 5 to 9 year olds:

- The Tooting Hub, Wandsworth
- Faylands Children Centre, Wandsworth
- Selhurst Children's Centre, Croydon
- Shirley Children's Centre, Croydon
- Woodlands Children's Centre, Croydon

**For more information about dates and timings search 'SWL ICB Polio' or scan the QR code**

