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and hand it to the school  
nurse without delay.

## Information for parents on vaccination against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)

All children in Sweden are offered free vaccination against measles, mumps and rubella. MMR Vaccines against all three of these diseases are given in a single injection.

Vaccination takes place on two different occasions. The first injection is given at the child health care centre when the child is 18 months old. The second is given at school:

- Children born in 2001 or earlier, in grade 6
- Children born in 2002 or later, at the age of 6, 7 or 8



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## Why vaccinate against these diseases?

**Measles** is a highly infectious disease causing high fever, coughing and extensive exanthema. About one in every thousand measles patients also develops encephalitis, which can cause permanent damage.

**Mumps** is one of the most common cause of meningitis in children and can cause permanent deafness. Boys who come down with mumps after puberty may also develop orchitis, which is not only extremely painful but may also cause sterility.

**Rubella**, or German measles, can seriously damage the foetus of pregnant women. By vaccinating all children, including boys, against rubella, we can ensure that pregnant women will not be infected.

## Can vaccination lead to discomfort?

Fever (38.5°C or higher) and measles like rashes may occur in 1–2 weeks after the injection. Redness, swelling, bruising and soreness around the site of the injection, are also common side effects. A few children may experience slight joint pain or swelling above the parotid gland, as in mumps. However, any discomfort is usually transient and quickly disappears after a day or two. Vaccinated children cannot infect others.

Children who are running a temperature of over 38.5°C should not be inoculated. In the absence of a temperature, a common cold is no obstacle to vaccination. Children who have been inoculated against tuberculosis or yellow fever should not be vaccinated until 4 weeks have been allowed to pass. Gamma globulin should not be given within 4 weeks of vaccination with MMR. If gamma globulin has already been given, vaccination with MMR should be delayed for a further 3 months.

## Has the pupil had one or more of the three diseases?

The combination vaccine should also be given to a child who has had, or whom you believe may have had, one or more of the diseases. This is because rubella is often incorrectly diagnosed, as may also be the case with measles and mumps. Children who have previously been vaccinated against any of these diseases should be inoculated with the combination vaccine.

Simply by vaccinating our children, we now have an outstanding opportunity of preventing and ultimately eradicating three common children's diseases that each in its own way can give rise to serious complications and discomfort. We are already well on the way towards achieving that goal: in today's Sweden, measles, mumps and rubella are very rare.

People who have not been vaccinated against these diseases risk infection during adulthood, which often means that the course of the illness will be more complicated and more severe.

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## Vaccination consent

I hereby consent to the vaccination of my child with the combined measles, mumps and rubella vaccine

Yes  No

If No, please state the reasons (optional):

Date	Parent's or guardian's signature
Telephone no. (private)	Telephone no. (work)

### Particulars of pupil

Name	Pers. id. no.
School	Class

Has the pupil been given gamma globulin or any other vaccination during the past three months?

Yes  No

If yes, please specify when and with what vaccine:

Is the pupil suffering from a severe allergy or prolonged illness?  
Is the pupil taking regular medication?

Yes  No

If Yes, please specify:

Has the pupil, before grade 6, been vaccinated against:

Measles .....  Yes (year:.....)  No

Rubella .....  Yes (year:.....)  No

Mumps .....  Yes (year:.....)  No

Has the pupil had:

Measles .....  Yes (year:.....)  No

Rubella .....  Yes (year:.....)  No

Mumps .....  Yes (year:.....)  No

Get in touch with the school nurse or school doctor if your child is suffering from any serious and/or prolonged illness, has a severe allergy, or if you have any questions.

School nurse	Telephone hours
Telephone no.	Telephone no.