

School Aged Immunisation Service

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VACCINATIONS HELP PROTECT FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child will be due some vaccinations whilst he/she is in Secondary school.

Please find below a list of the vaccinations due and what year they are expected to receive them as part of the routine National Immunisation Programme. The vaccinations will be administered in school by registered nurses.

<u>Year 8, (both boys and girls, as of September 2019)</u> Human Papillomavirus (HPV). From September 2023 this will be a one dose schedule, so your child will only require one dose. This vaccine prevents against a number of cancers and genital warts (see <u>HPV vaccine overview - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</u> for further information)

<u>Year 9, (both boys and girls)</u> Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio (Td/IPV) & Meningitis ACWY vaccinations. If your child has had all previous vaccinations this will be the last Td/IPV required to give lasting protection. They will also need one dose of Meningitis ACWY to give them lasting protection against four strains of meningitis ACW&Y (see <u>3-in-1 teenage booster FAQs - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</u> and <u>MenACWY vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</u> for further information)

When your child is in year 8 & 9 you will receive an email from school with a link to complete the online vaccination consent form. The letter from the Immunisation team (in the email) will provide all the information you need to make an informed decision, and it will explain how to consent. Please note if you do not want your child to have the vaccination you will still need to register for an account and complete the online consent form, stating you do not consent.

There is the option in year 9 to catch up with any missed MMR vaccines. MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

If you have any questions about the planned vaccinations in school, please do not hesitate to contact us on the above email or telephone number.

Thankyou, Vicky Riley Immunisation Lead