School Aged Immunisation Team

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Dear Parent/ Guardian

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine

We are offering your Year 9 child a free HPV vaccine in school this year as our records show they have not received this previously.

Please complete the consent form as soon as possible.

https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/hpv/2024/consent?v=1

What is Human Papillomavirus?

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a virus that increases the risk of getting some cancers later in life such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital areas.

The virus is very common and lives on the skin in the genital area.

Why get the vaccine?

The HPV vaccine helps protect your child against 9 strains of the HPV virus, reducing the risk of your child getting HPV related cancers and genital warts in the future.

How is the vaccine given?

The vaccine is given by injection in the upper arm.

Are there any side effects?

As with most other vaccinations, the side effects of the HPV vaccination are mild; however, soreness, swelling and redness in the arm are common but wear off in a couple of days. More serious side effects are very rare.

Important notes:

- It is important to talk about the vaccine with your child.
- You should complete the form as soon as possible, even if you don't want your child to have the vaccine.
- If we don't receive a form telling us your wishes, we may invite your child to consent for themselves if they show they understand the vaccination due. This is in line with the Gillick Competency Framework.
- Information about the vaccinations will be put on your child's health records

No internet access?

If you can't access the internet, ask your child's school for a paper consent form, or call us for help on 0300 1245515.

What if I do not want my child to receive the vaccine?

Please complete the form to let us know.

Your child's school will tell you the date of the vaccination session.

What if my child misses the session?

Catch-up clinics will be available for children who miss the school session. Your child's school will send information about these clinics after the school session.

Want to learn more?

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hpv-vaccine-vaccination-guide-leaflet

http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations

Questions?

Contact the School Immunisation Team: 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

Yours sincerely

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