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Dear Parent or Guardian

**Re: School-aged Vaccinations**

In 2019/20 all children in Year 8 and Year 9 were due to be offered school-aged vaccinations in the school setting. Children in Year 8 were to be offered their first HPV vaccination. Girls in Year 9 were to be offered their 2<sup>nd</sup> HPV vaccination. All children in Year 9 were to be offered a Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio booster and a Meningitis vaccination. The meningitis vaccination provides protection against 4 different strains of meningitis.

The school-aged immunisation team was in the process of delivering vaccination sessions in school when the current COVID-19 pandemic started, resulting in the school-aged vaccination programmes being temporarily suspended and many children not receiving their vaccinations.

After putting in place extra safety measures to protect children and staff from COVID-19 the school aged immunisation team are now able to re-start vaccination sessions. Extra safety measures include:-

- Appointment only sessions
- All immunisers will wear gloves, aprons and surgical masks when carrying out the vaccination
- All children will be given a mask to wear when they enter the vaccination room
- All chairs and tables will be cleaned between appointments

If your child is currently in Year 8 or Year 9 and did not receive their vaccinations before the schools closed at the beginning of the pandemic, there is now opportunity for them to attend an appointment at a community venue. **Please contact the immunisation team on 0151 495 5066 to arrange for your child to attend an appointment.**

If your child is unable to attend a community venue there will be opportunity for child to receive their outstanding vaccinations in school, next academic year (between January and July 2021). This will be dependent on there being no further disruption to delivery due to the current pandemic. The school-aged immunisation team will distribute further updates through schools next academic year.

Yours sincerely

School-aged Immunisation Team

Below is further information about the vaccinations that are due.

**HPV vaccination (All children in year 8 receive 1<sup>st</sup> dose, girls in year 9 receive 2<sup>nd</sup> dose)**

The HPV vaccine has been offered to all girls in school year 8 for over ten years. From September 2019 the vaccine was also to be offered to year 8 boys. This is because the evidence is clear that the HPV vaccine helps protect both boys and girls from HPV-related cancers.

To get the best protection, two doses are required. For further information go to:-

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/812484/PHE HPV vaccination leaflet.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812484/PHE_HPV_vaccination_leaflet.pdf)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine/>

**Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio booster (All children in year 9)**

For further information go to:-

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/849579/PHE\\_11490 IMM young people A5 booklet Dec2019.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/849579/PHE_11490_IMM_young_people_A5_booklet_Dec2019.pdf)

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/3-in-1-teenage-booster.aspx>

**Meningitis ACWY vaccination (All children in year 9)**

For further information go to:-

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/849579/PHE\\_11490 IMM young people A5 booklet Dec2019.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/849579/PHE_11490_IMM_young_people_A5_booklet_Dec2019.pdf)

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/men-acwy-vaccine.aspx>