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Dear Parent/Carer

The immunisation team are due to attend your child's school in the upcoming weeks (**01 July 2021**) to vaccinate Year 8 pupils with their first HPV vaccine, and to catch up on any Year 9 pupils who need the second vaccine.

If you have not already consented for your child to receive these vaccines, and would like your child to receive them, please visit <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/imms-cdurham-darlington-teesside/> and use school code 141013 to give your consent. The last date to be able to give online consent is at 23.59pm on 23/06/21. If you have no internet access, please call the immunisation consent line on 01423 557693 and we can take your consent over the phone.

If you have already given your consent for your child to receive these immunisations, then you do not need to do anything.

If you have given consent to the school based team to give these vaccines but think that your child has been given it elsewhere (eg at the GPs) then please contact us at least 48 hours before the session so that we can check your child's vaccination status.

FAQs

I am not sure if I have already given my consent, do I need to do it again?

If you are unsure if you have already given consent, please contact the immunisation team via email on hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net with your child's name, date of birth and the school they attend, a member of the immunisation team can check this for you.

My child is unable to attend on the day – how do I cancel/rebook?

If your child will not be in school on the planned session date, you do not need to contact us. If you have consented online, your child's consent form will be automatically transferred to our catch up list and we will either catch your child up in school later this year or invite them to a catch up clinic.

My child is also outstanding their DTP and Men ACWY. Can they be caught up on the session date?

Where possible we will be trying to catch up these vaccines on the session date, but this will vary depending schools, staff availability and current COVID restrictions. If your child is receiving HPV and needs their DTP and Men ACWY they will receive 3 vaccines. We have already been doing this in some schools and this has worked well and not been a problem for the children.

Can we organise this vaccination at my GPs instead?

GPs are not commissioned to provide routine school-age immunisations and will refuse in the majority of cases.

My question is not answered here. How do I contact you?

Please contact us directly by emailing hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net – when emailing the team please provide us with your query, your child's full name, DOB and the school that they attend. Please note, we are a very small team, and it can take us up to 24 hours to respond to emails. Please do not contact your child's school – they are not directly involved in the planning and delivery of the immunisation session.