

School Age Immunisation Service
0300 124 0366
Monday – Friday 8:30am-12:30PM

16 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your young person is due 2 vaccinations that are free on the NHS and are given in year 9 as part of the national immunisation programme. The vaccinations are to protect against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (3-in-1 Teenage Booster) and 4 strains of Meningitis (ACWY).

- Meningitis ACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against four types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). These diseases are very serious and can kill, especially if not diagnosed early.
- The 3 in 1 Teenage booster vaccination protects against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio, this should be the 5th dose which completes their childhood course; it boosts protection started earlier with baby and pre-school vaccinations against these diseases to give long lasting protection.

The School Age Immunisation Service has arranged with the school to visit on **Friday 7 February 2025**, to administer these vaccinations.

Please complete the online consent form (please only submit 1 form for each child) using the following link:

<https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/?session=5778&code=AD137100-25>

Consent forms must be submitted by 10:00am on Wednesday 5 February 2025

Please click on the link below to watch a short video regarding the vaccination and how to complete the online consent form:

[Your Teenager's Booster Vaccinations; Information for Parents - YouTube](#)

NOTE, the consent form must be completed by someone with Parental Responsibility or Delegated Authority* – please see the explanations of these terms at end of this letter.

For further information:

[NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS](#)

[MenACWY vaccine - NHS](#)

[Td/IPV vaccine \(3-in-1 teenage booster\) - NHS](#)

****The number of children and young people catching measles has risen. It is never too late to be vaccinated. To be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella you need 2 vaccinations given one month apart. If your child has missed one or both of the MMR vaccinations please contact the team on 0300 124 0366 to arrange this vaccine****

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS](#)

***PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

The person(s) with parental responsibility will usually, but not always be the child's birth parents. People with parental responsibility for the child include: the child's mother; the child's father if married to the mother at the child's conception, birth or later; a legally appointed guardian; the local authority if the child is on a care order; or a person named in a residence order in respect of the child

<https://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities/who-has-parental-responsibility>

DELEGATED AUTHORITY:

In particular circumstances, the person(s) who hold(s) parental responsibility may have given delegated authority to a foster carer to be able to give consent for immunisations. Where a foster carer does not hold delegated authority for immunisations please arrange for the local authority to complete and sign the online consent form.

FRASER GUIDELINES:

Children under the age of 16 can consent to their own treatment if they are believed to have competence and understanding to fully appreciate what is involved in their treatment.

(<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>) if you decide you do not want your child to receive these vaccinations, please complete the consent form giving the reason. This will inform us of your wishes to non-consent and help us plan and improve the service. A non-return of the consent form does not mean a non-consent.

The vaccinations will be given into the muscle in both upper arms; school tops with short sleeves are easier on the day however if your young person wears long sleeves can a vest be worn under their shirt on the day of vaccination.

If your child is absent or ill on the day of a vaccination we will offer an opportunity for a catch up date either in school or at a community clinic. If your child has already received these immunisations, please contact us at school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk to prevent the vaccination(s) being duplicated.

If you have any queries, please contact the Immunisation Service on 0300 124 0366.

Yours Sincerely

School Age Immunisation Service.

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation>

