

This letter contains important information. Please retain this letter and submit the consent form on line as soon as possible.

ALL YEAR 8 STUDENTS ONLY



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September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

YOUR CHILD'S HPV VACCINATION IS NOW DUE

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination is part of the NHS school-based immunisation programme in the UK. In previous years the vaccine has been offered to girls in Year 8 to protect them against cervical and other HPV related cancers. In line with government recommendations as of September 2019 the programme will now include all boys in Year 8 too. This is because the evidence is clear that the HPV vaccine helps protect both boys and girls from HPV-related cancers.

The HPV vaccine consists of two injections given into the upper arm at an interval of between six and twenty-four months. The first immunisation will be given on **13th March 2020** and you will be notified when the second dose is due. If your child moves to a school outside Oxfordshire before receiving their second dose please contact your local School Health Nurse Immunisation Service in that area for advice to ensure the course is completed.

Consent to vaccinate your child is now via an online consent form. We will no longer be sending out paper consent forms, so it is important that you complete the form online so that your child is able to receive their vaccination. To access the online consent form, please click on the following link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/HPV>

You will need to enter the unique code for your child's school.
The code is:- **OX137976 (please type this code do not copy and paste)**

Please submit your form by:- **8:00am Tuesday 10th March 2020** to ensure your child receives their vaccination, **the link will close on this date and late consents will not be accepted**. If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone your School Health Nurse Office (details overleaf) who will be happy to help.

Important parent/carer information - Please read the leaflet available [here](#) which explains the vaccination programme. If you require a hard copy, please contact your School Health Nurse Office. It is important that you read this leaflet carefully so that you are fully informed to provide consent for your child to receive the vaccination.

If your child is unable to receive his or her immunisation due to absence or for another reason, a catch-up session will be arranged in school and you will be advised of this date after the day of immunisation.

Declining the offer of HPV vaccination

If you decide you do not want your child to receive the HPV Vaccination, please complete and submit the consent form. If you would like to share why you do not want your child to receive the HPV vaccine, this will help us plan and improve the service.

Withdrawing Consent – If you have consented for your child to be vaccinated and subsequently wish to withdraw this consent please inform your School Health Nurse Office by telephone and by e mail and inform your school.

If you or your child have any concerns or wish to discuss this important immunisation with a school health nurse, please telephone your School Health Nurse Office.

Yours faithfully,



Fiona Singleton
Immunisation Team Lead

Your School Health Nurse Office Contact Details		
Sam Gould-07584 145733		
School Nurse Office Base	School Nurse Assistant	Office Phone Number
Wallingford Community Hospital, Reading Road, Wallingford, OX10 9DE	<p>(on the day of vaccination please call the <u>mobile number below</u>)</p> <p>Chris Sturdy</p> <p>Mobile: 07585 404378</p>	Tel :01865 904845
<p>Email: ImmunisationTeam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</p> <p>For <u>non-urgent enquiries</u>. This mailbox is checked weekly.</p>		

For further information about the vaccine please go to:

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