

## YEAR 8

### **YOUR CHILD'S HPV IMMUNISATION IS NOW DUE**

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) immunisation is part of the NHS school-based immunisation programme in the UK. In previous years the immunisation 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 now includes all boys in Year 8 too. This is because the evidence is clear that the HPV immunisation helps protect both boys and girls from HPV-related cancers.

The HPV immunisation 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 **23/02/2021** and you will be notified when the second dose is due. Please be aware that this date may be subject to change. Further information is available on our website [here](#)

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.

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

If your child is unable to receive their immunisation on the date above due to absence, we will arrange to catch them up in school at a later date.

### **CONSENT FORM**

To access the consent form please click on the following link:

<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/HPV>

The unique code for your child's school is : OX137976

Please submit your form at least **two working days** before the session to ensure your child receives their immunisation.  
**The link will close on this date and late consents will not be accepted.**

Do not copy and paste the code as it will not be recognised.

**You will need your child's NHS number to complete the form. This is available from your GP practice or can be found in your child's red book.**

If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone the Immunisation Team Assistant who will be happy to help.

### **Declining the offer of HPV immunisation**

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

**Withdrawing Consent** – If you have consented for your child to be immunised and subsequently wish to withdraw this consent please **submit another consent form refusing the immunisation** and inform the following at least 48hrs before the immunisation session.

1. School Nurse Assistant by telephone. See details below.
2. Please also inform your school and request that your message is given to the School Nursing team coming to your school.

Please note if you believe your child may have already received this immunisation please check with the local Child Health Information Department on 01235 431313 or contact your GP in the usual way **BEFORE** submitting your consent form.

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,

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