

Dear Parent/Carer

### **HPV 2 Vaccination for Year 9 students**

A team of Immunisation Nurses will be attending school next term to administer the second dose of the HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccination to all students in Year 9. The date will be confirmed at least 2 weeks prior to the session. Please be aware that this date may be subject to change. Further information is available on our website: [www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/school-health-nurses](http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/school-health-nurses) .

HPV 1 (first dose) was given when your child was in Year 8 and your consent was obtained for both doses to be administered. **You do NOT need to complete the electronic consent form again for this vaccine.** If your child has changed school between Year 8 and Year 9 please contact the School Health Nurse Assistant on the number below. It is important that both doses are given to provide optimum protection against the commonest causes of HPV related cancers.

If your child **has not** received their first dose (HPV 1) please call the Immunisation Team Assistant. We will then administer the first dose (HPV 1) on the date above and arrange the second dose (HPV 2) to be given 6-12 months later. If your child is unable to receive their immunisation on the date above due to absence, we will arrange to catch them up at a later date.

If your child has developed any allergies, medical conditions, commenced any medication or has already had their second dose since the consent form was signed last year, please phone the Immunisation Team Assistant on the number below.

Sometime during the 2021 to 2022 academic year, the HPV vaccine used in the NHS programme will switch to Gardasil 9. Information on Gardasil 9 can be found by following this link <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/7330/pil>. If your child received Gardasil as dose 1, it is safe to give Gardasil 9 as dose 2 and your child will not need to repeat dose 1.

This is also a good opportunity to check that your child's other vaccines are up to date too. These can be checked on the [UK Immunisation Schedule](#) If you believe any vaccines are outstanding please contact your GP Practice to discuss with the Practice Nurse. The MMR vaccine can be given in school later this year and information regarding the Consent process will be provided with the Tdp/Men ACWY Vaccine letter you will receive later this year.

Further information regarding the HPV vaccine is available at [www.nhs.uk/hpv](http://www.nhs.uk/hpv)

Yours faithfully,

Susan Mahoney

Immunisation Team Lead, School Aged Immunisation Service

For further information about the vaccine please go to:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine/>

#### Contact Details

Immunisation Team Assistant

Ngozi Dike 07788916744

For non-urgent enquiries. This mailbox is checked weekly.

[cityandwallingford@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:cityandwallingford@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)