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Dear Parent/Carer

### HPV 1 vaccination – Year 8 students

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination is part of the NHS school-based immunisation programme in the UK. In line with government recommendations as of September 2019 the programme now includes all boys and girls in Year 8 and Year 9. The date will be confirmed at least 2 weeks prior to the session.

The HPV vaccine consists of two injections given into the upper arm at an interval of between six and twenty-four months. The first vaccination (HPV 1) will be given at school in Year 8. The date this will take place will be confirmed at least 2 weeks prior to the session. Please be aware that dates may be subject to change. When your child is in Year 9 you will be notified when the second dose (HPV 2) is due. Further information is available on our website: [www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/school-health-nurses](http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/school-health-nurses)

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 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.

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.

Please follow this link to the [UK Immunisation Schedule](#). If you believe your child has missed any of the vaccinations due in Secondary school please contact us on the number below. If they have missed any of their other vaccinations, please contact your GP surgery and discuss with the Practice Nurse whether they are required.

**If you agree for your child to receive the HPV vaccine at school, you must complete the online consent form details below.**

Yours faithfully,

Susan Mahoney

Immunisation Team Lead, School Aged Immunisation Team

## HPV VACCINATION CONSENT FORM

To access the consent form please click on the following link

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

You will need the following information to complete the form:

1. The unique code for your child's school, which is: OX137976

## 2. Your child's NHS Number

**If you are not sure of your child's NHS number, please follow these steps:**

1. Check your child's red book or a clinic letter to find the 10-digit number
2. Use the online NHS number finder [link here](#)
3. Contact your GP surgery through their online/email advice line (where available)
4. If these options aren't successful, phone your GP surgery and speak to a receptionist

If you experience any problems completing the online consent form, please contact us at: [immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk) or call 07920 254 400.

**Please submit your form at least 2 full school days before the session date to ensure your child receives their vaccination. The link will close on this date. If you do not submit the form in time, it will not be possible for your child to have the vaccine at the main session in school and you may have to take your child to a community based clinic.**

### Important additional information for parents and carers

Please read the following information carefully

- **Information leaflet** - Please read the leaflet available [here](#) which explains the vaccination programme. If you require a hard copy, please contact the Immunisation Team Office.
- **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, refusing the immunisation.
- **Withdrawing Consent** - If you have submitted the form but wish to withdraw your consent, please **submit another consent form refusing the vaccination at least 2 full school days before the vaccination session**. Please ensure you also make further contact as below:
  - Please provide written communication to your School Office, stating that you withdraw consent for the HPV vaccination, by 08:45 on the morning of the session. Please address your note FOR ATTENTION OF IMMUNISATION TEAM, clearly write your child's name, DOB and year group on the front of the envelope and ask the Office Staff to ensure it is handed to the Immunisation Team on arrival.

### Contact Details

Immunisation Team Assistant

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