

Dear Parent/Carer

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.

More information regarding these vaccinations can be accessed through the links below, please ensure that you read the information contained in the links below prior to booking an appointment and giving consent for your child's immunisations. You must have parental responsibility or delegated authority to consent for the vaccinations.

www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/>
www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/543950/PHE_9909_MenW_leaflet.pdf

Electronic Consent - The School Age Immunisation Team is moving towards a paperless system for the Adolescent Vaccination Programmes. The use of e-Consent is quicker and easier to use, and can be completed on any electronic device.

Follow this link <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/> to complete the consent form. You will need this code **PAUHY9B** which identifies your child's school. Please complete the e-consent form by **12 midday on Tuesday 13th July 2021**

Please ensure that you complete and submit your child's consent form promptly, whether you wish your child to be immunised or not and only submit one consent form per child. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Immunisation Team on 03001240366 or email school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk

If your child has already received these immunisations, please contact us at school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk or call 0300 124 0366 to advise.

Kind Regards

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