

Immunisation Service (0-19)

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Parent/Carer Year 8 student
Weald of Kent (Tonbridge)

Dear Parent/Carer

14th & 15th January 2021 - Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination in school.

Your child is invited to have the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to help protect against HPV related cancers in boys and girls.

Please complete the online consent form marking whether you consent or decline consent at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms before **10th January 2021**.

To access the consent form you will need to enter your child's school unique reference number (URN) which is below

School URN: 136455

From the 2019-20 school year, boys in year 8 also became eligible.

This extension of the HPV vaccination programme will help prevent more cases of HPV-related cancers in boys and girls, such as head and neck cancers and anal and genital cancers.

A catch-up programme for older boys is not necessary as evidence suggests they're already benefitting greatly from the indirect protection (known as herd protection) that's built up from 10 years of the girls' HPV vaccination programme.

The priority is to make sure that as many eligible boys and girls as possible are offered protection against HPV infection.

To get the best protection, it is important that your child receives two injections. The second dose will be offered in school 12 months after the first dose.

Chairman John Goulston Chief Executive Paul Bentley

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This vaccination is not routinely given at your GP surgery but if for medical reasons we are unable to vaccinate your child a referral will be completed and a copy will be sent to you.

We will continue to invite your child to be vaccinated unless we hear from you, this may mean that one of our team calls you to obtain verbal consent over the phone. Please ensure that your contact information on the consent form is up to date and always ensure you notify your GP of any changes to your address and phone number.

Please note that a young person can consent to having an immunisation if they are assessed as competent to do so. For more information about consent please go to: www.nhs.uk/chq/pages/900.aspx

If you need more information, would like paper copies of the information leaflets or would like to speak with a member of the team, please email us on kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net or phone us on 0300 123 5205. For more information about HPV and the vaccination please go to: www.nhs.uk/hpv

Kind regards



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Covid -19

Due to the Covid -19 pandemic our school based vaccination sessions are likely to look different to the sessions that we would normally hold in schools. We would like to reassure you that Kent Community Health Foundation Trust Immunisation Team follows government guidelines and regulations around the social distancing and infection prevention and control, including wearing the required PPE.