

12 December 2024

Dear parents and carers

The Immunisation Team are coming into school on **28 January, 7 March and 21 March** to carry out vaccinations against **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)** for students in Year 9.

They require your consent for this. If you do not want your young person to receive a vaccine, then please fill in the 'NO' box. If you do not respond the team may contact you.

Click this link for the consent form: www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk. You will need to enter our unique code/URN number **SR143903**

Please complete the e-consent form by **midday Wednesday 22 January when the portal will close**. This allows time for our nurses to review and contact parents and carers if there are any concerns, prior to the session.

An automated email will be sent to you on completion of the e-consent from school.immunisations@nhs.net. If you do not receive this, please check in your junk or spam email or contact the Immunisation Team.

DTP is a 3-in-1 vaccination to protect against

- Diphtheria – a serious disease that can damage the heart, nervous system and in severe cases may kill
- Tetanus – a painful disease affecting the nervous system
- Polio – a virus that attacks the nervous system and can cause paralysis and can kill

This vaccination given in school in Year 9 completes the injections given pre-school. Your child needs a total of five doses of tetanus, diphtheria and polio to build up and maintain immunity. If you are unsure if your child has had their four previous doses, please check your child's red book, where their early childhood vaccinations are recorded.

Meningococcal ACWY vaccination protect against

The four main groups of meningococcal bacteria that can cause meningitis (infection of the layers that surround the brain and spinal cord) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). Meningococcal disease is rare but very serious and can lead to amputation, hearing loss, brain damage and scars. These diseases are known to affect older adolescents, especially if they go to university or training where they are living in accommodation with other young people.

Further information about these vaccines is available from:

- [The NHS website - 3-in-1 teenage booster overview](#)
- [REVAXIS - Patient Information Leaflet \(PIL\)](#)
- [The NHS website - MenACWY vaccine](#)
- [Nimenrix - Patient Information Leaflet](#)
- [MenQuadfi solution for injection - Patient Information Leaflet \(PIL\)](#)

Parents and carers who have not submitted their consent form by the deadline and wish their young person to be immunised will need to call the Immunisation team.

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 the telephone number 01737 775467 or email fhc.immunisation.team@nhs.net

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

By now your child should have had two doses of MMR to fully protect them from the diseases of MMR. If your child has NOT had two doses of MMR, and you would like them to be protected, please complete the MMR consent form. Further information about this vaccine is available at: [MMR for all: general leaflet - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Please visit the [Children and Family Health Surrey website](#) for information about the school-based vaccination programme and to read our [Privacy Policy](#)

Yours faithfully
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