

Dear Parent/Carer

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5th dose of Tetanus, diphtheria and inactivated Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY (Men ACWY)

The national childhood immunisation programme has meant that many dangerous diseases such as tetanus, diphtheria and polio (Td/IPV) have practically disappeared in the UK. Unfortunately, this is not the same for all countries and cases of these diseases continue to be seen worldwide, including in Europe. Similarly, immunisations for Meningitis (Men) have drastically reduced the number of people contracting these serious infections. Therefore, it is important that we continue to immunise our children and teenagers in order to maintain the high level of protection found in the UK.

Students in Year 9 will be offered their 5th dose of Tetanus, diphtheria and inactivated Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY (Men ACWY) on 17/05/2022 at CHILTERN EDGE. These immunisations are given by a team of school health nurses who will come to your child's school. Please be aware that this date may be subject to change due to circumstances outside of our control including local or national Covid restrictions. In this event, please be assured that we will work with your child's school to ensure your child still receives these important immunisations.

Men ACWY

Teenagers require one dose of Meningitis ACWY vaccination. It gives protection against four strains of meningitis and will be given at the same time as the Td/IPV.

Td/IPV

Young people need a total of five doses of Td/IPV vaccine following the UK schedule to build up and keep their immunity. Four doses are given to children before they start primary school:

- The first three doses as a baby
- The fourth dose at 3 years 4 months or soon after
- The fifth dose is due now

If you agree for your child to receive these important vaccines at school, you must complete the online consent form on the following page.

Please note if you believe your child may have already received either of these immunisations please contact your GP in the usual way **BEFORE** submitting your consent form.

Some children who have received immunisations for travel or due to an injury may have already received their 5th Tetanus, diphtheria and inactivated Polio (Td/IPV) or Meningitis ACWY (Men ACWY) and may therefore not require these immunisations.

Yours faithfully,



Susan Mahoney
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Tdp and Men ACWY VACCINATION CONSENT FORM

To access the consent form please click on the following link:

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

You will need the following information to complete the form:

1. The unique code for your child's school, which is: OX146103
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
1. Use the online NHS number finder [link here](#)
2. Contact your GP surgery through their online/email advice line (where available)
3. 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 or call 07920 254 400.

Please submit your form at least two full school days before the session date. The link will close on this date. If you do not submit the form in time, it may not be possible for your child to have the vaccine at school and you may have to make alternative arrangements.

Important additional information

Important parent/carers information - Please read the leaflet available [here](#) which explains the vaccination programme. If you require a hard copy, please contact the Immunisation Team. It is important that you read this leaflet carefully so that you are fully informed to provide consent for your child to receive the vaccination. If your child is unable to receive his or her immunisation due to absence or for another reason, a catch-up session will be arranged in school and you will be advised of this date.

Declining the offer of vaccination - Please complete and submit your consent form.

If you decide you do not want your child to receive either of the Vaccinations, please complete and submit the consent form refusing the immunisation. If you would like to share why you do not want your child to receive the vaccine, this will help us plan and improve the service.

Withdrawing Consent – If you have submitted the form but wish to withdraw your consent, please **submit another consent form refusing the vaccination at least two 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.
- If, following submission of the Consent Form, your child is immunised before the school session, please ensure you withdraw consent as detailed above.

If you or your child have any concerns or wish to discuss these important immunisations, please telephone the Immunisation Team who will be able to direct your call to the most appropriate person.

Immunisation Team Contact details
Tel: 07920254400
Email: Immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

For further information about vaccines please go to:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>

The Complete UK Immunisation Schedule can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-complete-routine-immunisation-schedule>