

March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

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

Students in Year 9 will be offered their 5th dose of Tetanus, diphtheria and inactivated Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY (Men ACWY) at **Chiltern Edge School. The date is yet to be confirmed.** These immunisations are given by a team of immunisation 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. 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 Meningococcal 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 following the link on the following page.

Please note if you believe your child may have already received either of these immunisations please check with the local Child Health Information Department on 0300 561 1851 or 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 Meningococcal ACWY (Men ACWY) vaccinations and may therefore not require them.

Yours faithfully,



Susan Mahoney, Immunisation Team Lead

Td/IPV 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 unique code for your child's school, which is: OX146103

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

To ensure your child is vaccinated in the school session please submit your form at least 1 full school day before the session 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/carer 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 - If you decide you do not want your child to receive either of the Vaccinations, **please still 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 change your mind **after** submitting the consent form and no longer wish your child to be vaccinated please email withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk at least one full school day before the session **and** on the day of the vaccination session provide a written note to your child's School Reception for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team. Please state on letter and in email subject heading, your child's school, name, year group and date of birth.

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: 0792 025 4400 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>