

HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccination for your child

Dear Parent/Carer,

HPV (Human Papillomavirus) causes around 9,000 cancers each year in the UK, most of which can be prevented by having the HPV vaccine. HPV is responsible for 5% of all cancers globally.

Why should your child have the HPV vaccination?

- The vaccine protects against some types of cancer caused by the HPV viruses, such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and cancer of the anus and genital areas.
- The vaccine protects against two types of cervical cancer that cause 70% of cervical cancers and is present in 60% of head and neck cancers.
- The vaccine is more effective in preventing cancers associated with HPV if given at a younger age which is why it is offered to people aged 12-13.
- The HPV vaccine has been shown to prevent hundreds of deaths from cervical cancer every year and this number is expected to rise as more boys receive the vaccine in addition to girls.
- The vaccine also protects against some strains of HPV that cause genital warts.
- You do not have to have sexual contact with a lot of people to get HPV. You can get HPV the first time you're sexually active.

Both 1st and 2nd doses will generally be offered in year 8, approximately 6 months apart. For maximum protection, your child must receive both doses of the HPV vaccine.

Please complete and sign the link below for the consent form* (one for each child) so your child can be given the vaccine when our team are in school.

**The person who has parental responsibility must sign the consent form.*

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv/2022/dudley>

It is important to complete and sign the form even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine. If you choose not to complete the consent, this does NOT mean that you have refused the vaccine for your son or daughter.

Please note: young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff. More information about the vaccine can be found on our website:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv-vaccine> and on the next page.

We encourage you to have a conversation with your child and share this information with them, prior to us visiting the school.

The consent form is for both the first and second dose. If you would like to discuss the vaccines with a nurse, or if you require help to complete the form, please contact the immunisation team in your child's school area. Their contact details are over the page. Please let the school know if you require this information in another language. Or, see our website: www.schoolvaccination.uk to find this information and the consent form in other languages.

Please see below for information regarding how we use your child's data, and additional information about the vaccine.

Yours faithfully,



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