

## VACCINATIONS HELP PROTECT FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child will be due some vaccinations whilst he/she is in Secondary school.

Please find below a list of the vaccinations due and what year they are expected to receive them as part of the routine National Immunisation Programme. The vaccinations will be administered in school by registered nurses.

**Year 8, (both boys and girls, as of September 2019)** Human Papillomavirus (HPV). This vaccine is given in 2 separate doses which have to be given at least 6 months apart. Please note if the vaccine is commenced after 15 years of age then 3 doses must be administered to achieve desired immunity. This vaccine prevents against a number of cancers and genital warts (see [www.nhs.uk/hpv](http://www.nhs.uk/hpv) for further information)

**Year 9, (both boys and girls)** Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio (Td/IPV) & Meningitis ACWY vaccinations. If your child has had all previous vaccinations this will be the last Td/IPV required to give lasting protection. They will also need one dose of Meningitis ACWY to give them lasting protection against four strains of meningitis ACW&Y.

When your child is in year 8 & 9 they will come home from school with a vaccination pack. This pack will contain an information leaflet about the vaccination and the date of vaccination. There will also be a consent form in the pack which you need to sign and return to school. Please note if you do not want your child to have the vaccination you will still need to return the consent form stating you refuse consent.

If you have any questions about the planned vaccinations in school, please do not hesitate to contact us on the above number.

Thankyou,  
Vicky Riley  
Immunisation Team Lead.