

July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Immunisations at Secondary School

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 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.

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

Current Year 9 students (2019/20) will be offered their 5th dose of Tetanus, diphtheria and inactivated Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY (Men ACWY) on **Friday 18th September 2020** at **Blessed George Napier Catholic** school **when they are in Year 10**. These immunisations will be given by a team of school health nurses in school. If you haven't already submitted a Consent Form please follow the link below. Please note this date may be subject to change if Government Guidance to health or education changes. You will be notified if the session is cancelled.

CONSENT FORM

**To access the consent form please click on the following link.
(Paper copies are no longer available)**

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

The unique code for your child's school is :-OX141146

Please submit your form by 15/09/20, 2pm to ensure your child receives their vaccination, the link will close on this date and late consents will not be accepted.

It is very important that if there are any changes required to the consent form, before your child is immunised, that you submit another form eg GP details, home address and especially medical information so that your child can be safely immunised. If you experience any problems accessing the consent form, please telephone the Immunisation Team Assistant who will be happy to help.

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 Assistant. 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 consented for your child to be vaccinated and subsequently wish to withdraw this consent please submit another consent form refusing the immunisation and inform the following at least 48hrs before the immunisation session,

- [Inform your school and request that your message is given to the School Nursing team coming to your school.](#)
- Inform the School Health Nurse Assistant by telephone

If you or your child have any concerns or wish to discuss this important immunisation with a school health nurse, please telephone your School Health Nurse Assistant.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your School Health Nurse Assistant.

Yours faithfully,



Fiona Singleton
 Immunisation Team Lead

Contact Details	
(on the day of vaccination please call the <u>School Nurse Assistant mobile number</u>)	
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For <u>non-urgent enquiries</u> . This mailbox is checked weekly. Email: ImmunisationTeam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk	

For further information about vaccines please go to: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>