

March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child is due their vaccination to protect against Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). This vaccine is offered to all young people in year 8 as part of the national immunisation programme and is free on the NHS.

Following the success of the HPV vaccination programme and effectiveness of the vaccine, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advised that the programme should be changed to a one dose schedule. Therefore, your child requires one dose of HPV vaccine to be protected. Children who are immunosuppressed will continue to be offered 3 doses.

Please make sure that you read the information contained in the links below before giving consent for your child's immunisations.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-vaccine-cervarix-gardasil-side-effects/>

**\*\*The number of children and young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. To be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella you need 2 vaccinations given one month apart. If your child has missed one or both of the MMR vaccinations please contact the team on 0300 124 0366 to arrange this vaccine\*\***

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

You must have parental responsibility or delegated authority to consent for the vaccination – please see definitions below if you are unsure you will be able to give consent.

The School Age Immunisation Service has arranged with school to visit on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**, to administer this vaccination.

To complete the on-line consent form, please use the following link: <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

**The Hart School – 03 Jun 2024 – HPV**

Your school code is:

**HPV137100-24**

**Please click on the link below to watch a short video regarding the HPV vaccination and how to complete the online consent form:**

[Your Teenager's HPV Vaccination; Information for Parents \(youtube.com\)](#)

Please make sure that you complete and submit your child's consent form as soon as you get it, whether you wish your child to be vaccinated or not and **only submit one consent form per child**.

**Consent Forms need to be completed by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at 10:00am, as we are unable to accept them after this date.**

**\*PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

The person(s) with parental responsibility will usually, but not always be the child's birth parents. People with parental responsibility for the child include: the child's mother; the child's father if married to the mother at the child's conception, birth or later; a legally appointed guardian; the local authority if the child is on a care order; or a person named in a residence order in respect of the child. Fathers who have never been married to the child's mother will only have parental responsibility if they acquired it through a court order or parental responsibility agreement. After the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003 unmarried fathers have automatic parental responsibility for their children if they are named on the birth certificate.

For a child born before the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003, they can be re-registered and the father named on the birth certificate, after which the father will have automatic parental responsibility.

(Ref: [www.childrenslegalcentre.com](http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com))

**DELEGATED AUTHORITY:**

In particular circumstances, the person(s) who hold(s) parental responsibility may have given delegated authority to a foster carer to be able to give consent for immunisations. Where a foster carer does not hold delegated authority for immunisations please arrange for the local authority to complete and sign the enclosed form.

**FRASER GUIDELINES:**

Children under the age of 16 can consent to their own treatment if they are believed to have competence and understanding to fully appreciate what is involved in their treatment.

(<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>)

The vaccination will be given into the muscle in the upper arm; school tops with short sleeves are easier on the day however if your young person wears long sleeves can a vest be worn under their shirt on the day of vaccination.

If your child is absent, ill or refused the vaccination you will receive an email to book an online community clinic appointment. If you do not book a clinic appointment your child will be offered the vaccination at the next school session date. If your child has already received this immunisation, please contact us via email on [school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk) or call 0300 124 0366 to prevent the vaccination being duplicated.

If you have any concerns and would like to discuss this vaccination further, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Immunisation Service on 0300 124 0366 Monday – Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm.

Kind Regards

**School Age Immunisation Service.**

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation>



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