

Dorset School Age Immunisation Service

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine: offer of first dose to all students in Year 8

We are pleased to confirm that these vaccinations will be provided in schools to help protect your child against cancers caused by HPV. Your child will be offered the HPV vaccination as they haven't been able to receive their first dose of the HPV vaccine in a catch-up clinic, and there is now an opportunity to have this in school. The second dose will be offered approximately 12 months after the first, but can be given up to 36 months after. (For students receiving the first dose after the age of 15, they will require three doses, with dose 2 being given at least 1 month after the first dose, and dose 3 being given 4 to 6 months after that.)

Further information from the NHS about these diseases, the vaccine given to protect your child against them, and any side effects is available here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine>

We are due to visit your child's school to vaccinate on:

Date of Session: Monday 09 May 2022 and Tuesday 10 May 2022

School: The Bourne Academy

Unique Session Code: 4chjce

Please complete the online form by: Monday 02 May 2022

to ensure that we have time to check the form and contact you if there are any queries. If you complete the form after this date, we will not be able to immunise your child at the planned school session, and you will need to attend a catch-up clinic at a community venue, which may not be local to your child's school.

If you have a child at another school you will receive a separate letter with a different code for that school.

Following feedback from parents and schools, we have simplified the process for providing consent online.

This service is provided on behalf on Dorset HealthCare by InHealthCare

- Please complete the online consent form using the following link:

<https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/dorset-hpv>

- InHealthCare will send a verification code to your email address, to ensure we have your correct

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details.

- You will be asked a series of health questions for your child. There is space to add further information if your child has a health condition or additional needs.
- We will contact you if we require any further information. Please provide a daytime telephone number if possible.
- If you miss the deadline you can still complete a form but will be offered an appointment for a catch-up clinic at a community venue.
- If you decide you do not want your child to be vaccinated, there is a box on the consent form for you to complete and please do tell us why.

If your child has already received either or both doses of the HPV vaccine elsewhere, when you complete the online form please let us know when and where this was given.

For children in care you are most likely to have delegated authority to sign consent for the immunisation. If you are uncertain or you do not have delegated authority please speak to the child's social worker as soon as possible.

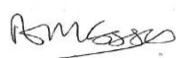
If you have any problems registering your child online please check our website: www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms including the Frequently Asked Questions section or complete the Contact Us form.

A leaflet about vaccines for young people published by Public Health England can be downloaded here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/849579/PHE_11490_IMM_young_people_A5_booklet_Dec2019.pdf

Important information: If your child has any serious illness after you complete the online consent form or for any other queries e-mail us at dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net . Please note that our operating hours are Monday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00, and we are unable to respond to enquiries outside these hours.

Yours faithfully



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