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Dear Parents

Year 9 Meningitis, Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio Vaccinations: Wednesday 24 February 2021

Please see detailed below a reminder, from the Childhood Immunisation Team, for your child to be vaccinated against Meningitis, Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio. The confirmed date for this is Wednesday 24 February 2021.

The immunisation team will be at your child's school/community clinic on Wednesday 24 February 2021 to give the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY vaccines. If you have already consented, then you do not need to do anything. If you have not consented, and would like them to receive these vaccines, please visit: www.hdft.nhs.uk/year9form and use the school code: 111767 to give your consent. The last date to consent online is 23:59 on 16/02/2021. If you do not have internet access, please contact the immunisation team consent line on 01423 557693 and we can take consent over the telephone.

In the majority of cases you should not need to contact the immunisation team. Please read these FAQs below before getting in touch.

FAQs

I haven't consented for my child yet. Can they still come to this clinic?

YES. Please contact the Consent telephone number and we will complete a consent form and give you an appointment time.

I'm not sure if I've already consented online or not? Do I need to do it again?

NO. Please contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 0032554 and we will check to see if you have submitted a consent form.

My child can attend earlier/later that day, but not at the suggested time. What do I do?

If you absolutely cannot come at the suggested time for your child, please check with the immunisation team on 0300 0032554 to rearrange the appointment the same day.

My child can't attend on this day – how do I cancel/rebook?

If you can't attend on the day, you don't need to contact us. If you consented online, your child's consent form will be automatically transferred to our catch-up list and we will either catch your child up in school later this year (if feasible) or invite them to another catch-up clinic if we are unable to use school as a venue.

Year 9, 10 And 11 pupils are able to attend the appointments themselves, providing a parent or guardian has completed a consent form.

I have a child in Year 10+ who is also outstanding their DTP and Men ACWY. Can they be caught up at this clinic?

Where possible we will be trying to catch up older year groups at these clinics, but this will vary depending on venues and staff availability. If you have previously consented for your child, they will be on our catch-up list and we will contact you about them separately if we are planning catch-up work at this clinic.

Can we organise this vaccination at my GPs instead?

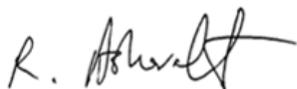
GPs are not commissioned to provide routine school-age immunisations and will refuse in the majority of cases.

My question isn't answered here. How do I contact you?

Please contact us directly by emailing: hdfc.immunisationteam@nhs.net Please note, we are a very small team, and it can take us up to 24 hours to respond to emails. Please do not contact your child's school or the venue – they are not directly involved in the planning and delivery of this immunisation clinic.

If you have any questions regarding this programme, or you believe your child's vaccination status is not up to date please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team by emailing hdfc.immunisationteam@nhs.net.

Yours sincerely



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