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Dear Parent /Carer

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Immunisations for Young People**

**Immunisation protects your child from serious disease – it is time for your child to receive the immunisation boosters so that they are fully protected.**

In line with the national immunisation programme all children in year 9 and 10 are offered immunisation boosters against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio and Meningococcal ACWY. These vaccinations protect your child against potentially very serious and even fatal complications of these entirely preventable infections. For more information about these immunisations for young people please click [here](#)

#### **Electronic consent**

Click on this link to complete the consent form [Immunisation Consent Form](#)

You will need this code number, which identifies your child's school. **EE137985**

For help filling in the form please click [here](#).

#### **Late return of consent forms**

Children will not be vaccinated at the school session without the on line submission of the electronic consent form.

Closing date for electronic consent forms **15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

#### **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio booster**

This booster dose is important to ensure a young person's continuing immunity and protection against these diseases. University, colleges and future employers increasingly ask for evidence of this vaccination

#### **Meningococcal ACWY**

Meningococcal ACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against 4 types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). These

diseases are very serious and can kill, especially if not diagnosed early. Cases of meningococcal W disease in England have increased significantly in recent years.

### **Consent Form**

It is important for you to discuss and complete the consent form with your child. Please be aware that if we do not receive the completed electronic consent form, each young person will be assessed on an individual basis and invited to self-consent for the above vaccinations, providing they can demonstrate an understanding of the vaccinations due. Ultimately, the decision to consent or refuse is the young person's providing they understand the issues involved in giving consent. This is in line with the Fraser Competency Framework.

Please contact the immunisation team on 01727 734026 if you have any concerns or questions about any of these vaccinations.

For further information about vaccines, click [here](#)

### **Measles / Mumps / Rubella (MMR)**

We would also like to remind you that all children and young people should have 2 doses of MMR. If you are not sure whether your child has been fully immunised against MMR please contact your GP or Practice Nurse for advice.

Yours faithfully



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