

January 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Your young person is due 2 vaccinations that are free on the NHS and are given in year 9 as part of the national immunisation programme. The vaccinations are to protect against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (3-in-1 Teenage Booster) and 4 strains of Meningitis (ACWY).**

- Meningitis ACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against four 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.
- The 3 in 1 Teenage booster vaccination protects against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio, this should be the 5th dose which completes their childhood course; it boosts protection started earlier with baby and pre-school vaccinations against these diseases to give long lasting protection.

More information regarding these vaccinations can be accessed through the links below, please ensure that you read the information contained in the links below prior to booking an appointment and giving consent for your child's immunisations.

[www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx)  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/>  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/>  
[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/543950/PHE\\_9909\\_MenW\\_leaflet.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/543950/PHE_9909_MenW_leaflet.pdf)

You must have parental responsibility or delegated authority to consent for the vaccinations – please see definitions below if you are unsure.

The School Age Immunisation Service has arranged with school to visit on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023**, to administer these vaccinations.

Electronic Consent - The team now operates a paperless consent system for the Adolescent Vaccination Programmes. The use of e-Consent is quicker and easier to use, and can be completed on any electronic device.

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

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

**School – Nether Stowe School – 08 Feb 2023 – ACWY & TdIPV**  
**Your school code is: AD146493-23**

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**.

**Consents Forms need to be completed by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 8.00am, as we are unable to accept them after this date.**

If your child has already received these immunisations, please contact us at [school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk) or call 0300 124 0366 to let us know.

**\*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.

If you have any concerns and would like to discuss the vaccination further or your child has already received the flu vaccine via your GP please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Immunisation Service on 0300 124 0366 Monday – Friday 8.30 – 4pm.

**Yours Sincerely**

**School Age Immunisation Service.**

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



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**The number of children and young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.**

**If your child has missed one or both of the MMR vaccinations contact your GP surgery to arrange an appointment.**