

School Age Immunisation Service
☎ 0300 124 0366
Monday – Friday 8:30am-12:30PM

January 2025

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.

The School Age Immunisation Service has arranged with the school to visit on **Friday 9th May 2025**, to administer these vaccinations.

Please complete the online consent form (please only submit 1 form for each child) using the following link:

<https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/?session=5962&code=HPV146493-25>

Consent forms must be submitted by 10:00am on Wednesday 7th May 2025

For further information:

<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/>

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.

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.

<https://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities/who-has-parental-responsibility>

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 online consent 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.

[\(https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/) if you decide you do not want your child to receive these vaccinations, please complete the consent form giving the reason. This will inform us of your wishes to non-consent and help us plan and improve the service. A non-return of the consent form does not mean a non-consent.

The vaccinations will be given into the muscle in both upper arms; 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 or ill on the day of a vaccination we will offer an opportunity for a catch up date either in school or at a community clinic. If your child has already received these immunisations, please contact us at school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk to prevent the vaccination(s) being duplicated.

If you have any queries, please contact the Immunisation Service on 0300 124 0366.

****The number of children and young people catching measles has risen. It is 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****

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS](#)

Yours Sincerely

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

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