

Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School

Children and Families Directorate
School-aged Immunisation Team

November 2022

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Programme

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are offering the HPV vaccine to boys and girls in **Year 8** as part of the national school-aged vaccination programme.

The HPV vaccination programme can help to protect young people against some types of HPV related cancers. The HPV vaccination programme in the UK consists of two doses of the vaccine for young people. The first dose of the vaccine is routinely offered in schools to boys and girls in year 8. A second dose is offered a minimum of 26 weeks after dose 1, which may not be in the same academic year.

To consent for your child to have the 2 doses of HPV vaccine please follow the steps outlined overleaf. Consent should be provided by a person with parental responsibility. If you do not want your child to have the HPV vaccination course, please still complete the consent form where you will have the option to decline the vaccination course. Please note: If you do not indicate whether you want your child to be vaccinated or not and your child requests the vaccinations, it may be appropriate for your child to give their own consent. For a child to give their own consent, the immunisation nurse will assess your child's competency to consent considering what having the vaccination involves, their understanding of the benefits of receiving the vaccination and the risks of not having it.

Please inform us if there are any changes to your child's health, after you have completed the consent steps outlined below. Do not inform school staff of any changes. Our contact details are on the other side of this letter.

For more information regarding the HPV vaccination programme please read the following leaflet [The universal HPV immunisation programme \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/107422/the-universal-hpv-immunisation-programme.pdf)

We will be visiting your child's school on **02/03/2023**.

* **Parental responsibility includes:** Mother; A father named on the birth certificate or married to the mother; Adult granted parental responsibility by the courts; Adult with delegated authority consent (given by the Local Authority when children are on a care order).

Please complete the steps below, to consent for your child to have full HPV course (dose 1 & 2)

Please complete the form by 11am on TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

1. **Click on the following link:** www.bwimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV
2. **Enter and confirm your preferred email address** – you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.
3. **Enter your school code: BW144799**
4. **Complete and submit the consent form**, indicating your choice of consent – Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP
5. **If you are unable to complete the online consent form, please contact your local immunisation team on 01925 946808**

We hope that the information provided helps you to make a positive decision about helping protect your child against HPV-related cancers.

Yours sincerely

School-aged Immunisation team

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