

School-aged immunisations in school year 2023/24 - Information for Parents / Guardians

Dear Parent / Guardian,

This information explains the vaccinations that will be offered to your child in school during this academic year. It also contains information about what to do if your child misses any vaccinations. Please keep this information safe.

Flu Vaccination (Influenza)

All children in reception to Year 11 will be offered a nasal flu vaccination during September to December.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and can cause serious illness. This vaccination will protect your child against flu. It also helps to protect family and friends by preventing its spread.

Look out for an e-mail from your child's school during the first half-term (by end of October). This will contain information about the vaccination and how to give your consent.

HPV Vaccination (Human Papilloma Virus)

All children and young people in Year 8 will be offered the HPV vaccine.

The HPV vaccine helps to protect against some types of HPV related cancers.

You will receive an e-mail from your child's school during spring term (January to end of March 2024). This will contain information about the vaccination and how to give your consent.

Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio; and Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations

All children and young people in Year 9 will be offered these two separate vaccinations.

The Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio vaccine is a booster vaccine. This is needed to give long-lasting protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio.

The Meningitis ACWY vaccine helps to protect against Meningitis and Septicaemia.

You will receive an e-mail from your child's school between November 2023 to January 2024. The e-mail will give you information about these vaccinations and how you can give consent.

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Here is a summary of the vaccinations given in school:

Vaccine	School year offered	Diseases protected against
Flu vaccine	Annual vaccine offered to all from Reception to Year 11	Protects against flu, which can lead to acute bronchitis and pneumonia
Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	Year 8	Genital warts and HPV related cancers such as cervical cancer, some cancers of the head and neck and some genital cancers
Meningitis ACWY vaccine	Year 9	Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y (which can cause meningitis and septicaemia)
3 in 1 teenage booster (Td/IPV)	Year 9	Tetanus, diphtheria and polio
MMR – for those that have not had 2 doses of MMR	Catch-up – offered opportunistically	Measles, mumps and rubella

If your child has missed any of the above vaccinations or you have any questions about the vaccinations listed, please contact your school-aged immunisation team. The team can offer missed vaccinations up until your child leaves Year 11.

Vaccines are the most effective way to protect against many diseases. More information about the benefits of vaccines can be found at www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/why-vaccination-is-safe-and-important.

Further information about the school-aged immunisation team can be found on our Bridgewater NHS website at www.tiny.cc/imm.

You can also visit the website by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone or tablet.

If you have any questions, please contact the relevant school-aged immunisation team directly as follows:

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