

Dear Parent/Carer

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation**

The HPV vaccination helps protect boys and girls from HPV-related cancers. This virus increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital areas.

In line with the National Immunisation Programme, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust's School Aged Immunisation Service offers the HPV vaccination to all eligible boys and girls in year 8 and above.

From September 2023 the guidance from the UK Health Security Agency (UKSHA) and The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) is that most children will only require a single dose of the HPV vaccination. Children and young people who are immunosuppressed may require three doses.

The change reflects evidence building up over recent years from a range of studies from around the world that shows that a single dose of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine offers robust protection that is comparable to 2 doses. Based on the evidence, other countries, such as Australia and Scotland, have already made the move to one dose.

**A response is required. You must accept or decline this vaccination by completing the online form.** If we do not receive a response from the parent/guardian the team will try to make contact on the day of vaccination.

**We will be in Smithdon High School on MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

**The electronic link will close at 7:00 am the morning of the session.**

Please click this Link [Hertfordshire Community Immunisation \(hct.nhs.uk\)](https://hct.nhs.uk) and complete the form.

**Please note the form will not work on some mobile phones and tablets. Please call 0300 555 5055 for alternative consent options.**

On the date of vaccination, we will see the whole year group. It is important for you to discuss and complete the consent form with your child so they are aware of your wishes.

Further information regarding the vaccine can be found online:

The PHE leaflet that accompanies this programme is available at [Easy Read - HPV Leaflet](#) or [HPV leaflet Sept 23](#). Additional information is available from [NHS - HPV Vaccination Overview](#)

Please click here to view the patient information leaflet [PIL Gardasil 9](#)

**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 the Immunisation team on

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