

Bexley School Age Immunisation Team The Engine House, 2 Veridion Way

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Dear Parent / Guardian

School children in year 9, are routinely offered two vaccinations as part of National Childhood Immunisation Programme, as detailed in their Red Book. One of the vaccinations is the 3 in 1 teenage booster vaccination, that consists of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and the other vaccination is Meningitis ACWY (Men ACWY).

Information about these vaccines can be found on the following link: Vaccination Information.

Our team will visit your child's school on: Friday 19th January 2024

If you would like your child to receive these Year 9 vaccines at school and be protected against these serious diseases, we need a response from you. Please click the following link and complete ASAP. <u>DTP/MEN ACWY E-CONSENT FORM</u>

If you do not wish for your child to be vaccinated or your child has already been vaccinated by your GP, please click and complete <u>NO CONSENT</u> which will stop us from contacting you again.

In addition to the teenage boosters, we are also able to offer Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) to any child who has <u>NOT</u> received one or two doses of MMR vaccine in the past. Please check your child's Red Book or with your GP. There is a large increase in the number of young people catching measles and mumps, so NHS England has advised offering the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine. Information about the MMR can be found in the following link: <u>MMR</u>

If you wish for your child to have MMR vaccination, please contact the Immunisation team by email <u>HRCH.ImmunisationTeamBexleyMailbox@nhs.net</u> or Telephone 02039033380. You will need to provide your child's name, address, DOB and school name.

In the absence of an electronic consent form from parents, we will invite the young person to self-consent for the above vaccinations providing they can demonstrate understanding of the vaccinations due. Ultimately, the decision to consent is the young person's choice, providing they understand the issues involved in self-consent. This is in line with the Gillick Guideline Competence.

Completion of the consent form is not mandatory if you do not want your child to be immunised. However, as providers of the school age vaccinations, NHSE requires that we provide numbers of parents that do not consent to their child being vaccinated. If consent forms are not completed, you may be contacted by phone or text. If you complete a no consent, we will not make any further contact this year. Please see our privacy notice if you require further details. <u>HRCH Privacy Notice</u>.

If you have any queries or require assistance completing a form, please contact the immunisation team.

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Yours sincerely,

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