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Dear Parent /Carer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio booster

This booster dose is important to ensure a young person's continuing immunity and protection against these diseases. University, colleges and future employers increasingly ask for evidence of this vaccination.

Meningococcal ACWY

Meningococcal ACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against 4 types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). Cases of meningococcal W disease in England have increased significantly in recent years.

For further information about vaccines, click here

In line with the National Immunisation Programme, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust School Aged Immunisation Service offers Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio and Meningococcal ACWY vaccination to all of year 9 boys and girls in school.

Please complete the on-line form to accept or decline these vaccinations

Please note the form will not work on some mobile phones and tablets

Please click on this link <u>Immunisation Form</u> and complete the form. You will need this unique code number EE138356 which identifies your child's school.

For help filling in the form please click <u>here</u>.

The electronic link will close at 10pm on 07 Jan 2020

Consent Form

It is important for you to discuss and complete the consent form with your child. Please be aware that if we do not receive the completed electronic consent form, each young person will be assessed on an individual basis in line with the Gillick Competency Framework. They may be invited to self-consent for the above vaccinations, providing they can demonstrate an understanding of the vaccinations due. Ultimately, the decision to consent or refuse is the young person's providing they understand the issues involved in giving consent.

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 your GP or Practice Nurse for advice.

Yours faithfully

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