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FARINGDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dear Parent/Carer

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5th dose of Tetanus, diphtheria and inactivated Polio (Td/IPV Teenage 3 in 1 booster)
and Meningococcal ACWY (Men ACWY)

Main session date:	23/04/2024
Catch up date (if main session is missed):	21/06/2024

Students in Year 9 will be offered their 5th dose of Tetanus, diphtheria and inactivated Polio (Td/IPV) and their Meningitis ACWY (Men ACWY) vaccine on the date specified above. These immunisations are given by a team of immunisation nurses who will come to your child's school. Please be aware that this date may be subject to change due to circumstances outside of our control. In this event, please be assured that we will work with your child's school to ensure your child still receives these important immunisations.

Td/IPV (Teenage 3 in 1 booster) Young people need a total of five doses of Td/IPV vaccine following the UK schedule to build up and keep their immunity. Four doses are given to children before they start primary school:

- The first three doses as a baby
- The fourth dose at 3 years 4 months or soon after
- The fifth dose is due now

Please read the leaflet available [here](#) for further information (translations also available via this link).

Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) Teenagers require one dose of Meningococcal ACWY vaccination. It gives protection against four strains of meningitis and will be given at the same time as the Td/IPV. Please read the leaflet available [here](#) for further information (translations also available via this link).

If you agree for your child to receive these important vaccines at school, you must complete the online consent form following the link on the following page.

Please note if you believe your child may have already received either of these immunisations please check with the local Child Health Information Department on 0300 561 1851 or contact your GP in the usual way **BEFORE** submitting your consent form. Some children who have received immunisations for travel or due to an injury may have already received their 5th Tetanus, diphtheria and inactivated Polio (Td/IPV) or Meningococcal ACWY (Men ACWY) vaccinations and may therefore not require them.

Yours faithfully,



Rachael Conlan, County Team Lead

Td/IPV and Men ACWY VACCINATION CONSENT FORM

To access the consent form please click on the following link:

<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP>

You will need the following unique code for your child's school, which is: OX137993

If you experience any problems completing the online consent form, please contact us at: immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk or call 07920 254 400.

To ensure your child is vaccinated in the school session please submit your form at least 1 full school day before the session date. If you do not submit the form in time, it may not be possible for your child to have the vaccine at school and you may have to make alternative arrangements.

Important additional information

Supporting your child on the day of vaccination - The vaccinations will be given at the top of your child's arm. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and either wears a short-sleeved school shirt or games top which when rolled up to the shoulder is not tight or restrictive or wears a t shirt/vest under their school shirt so the school shirt can be taken off if necessary.

Declining the offer of vaccination - If you decide you do not want your child to receive either of the Vaccinations, **please still complete and submit the consent form refusing the immunisation.** If you would like to share why you do not want your child to receive the vaccine, this will help us plan and improve our service.

Withdrawing Consent- If you change your mind **after** submitting the consent form and no longer wish your child to be vaccinated please email withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk at least one full school day before the session **and** on the day of the vaccination session provide a written note to your child's School Reception for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team. Please state on letter and in email subject heading, your child's school, name, year group and date of birth.

By law, some young people under the age of 16 may be considered competent enough to provide their own consent, so-called 'Gillick competent'. The competency assessment is completed by a health professional on the day who will decide if the young person can understand about the vaccine including the benefits and risks. Gillick competency assessment helps people who work with children to balance the need to listen to children's wishes with the responsibility to keep them safe.

Please be aware that if the young person would like to receive the vaccine but we do not hold parental consent, we may complete an assessment and go ahead if we decide they are competent to consent. Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust always encourage young people to share decisions about their healthcare with their parents and carers.

It is important to highlight that the Immunisation team is contractually and legally responsible for the school-based Immunisation programme. The school take no part in Gillick Competence and any queries need to come directly to immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk who will be happy to help.

The information collected on the consent form will be securely sent to the local NHS Child Health Information Service and to your Doctor/GP Practice. It will also be retained by OHFT. For further information you can read our fair processing policy here: www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/privacy/
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For further information regarding Gillick Competence please see links below:

[Gillick competence and Fraser guidelines | NSPCC Learning](#)

[Consent to treatment - Children and young people - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Does your child have a fear of needles?

A research team at the University of Oxford are exploring whether a new virtual reality therapy can help young people overcome a fear of needles. They are looking for young people (aged between 12 and 16) with needle fears to take part in this study. Everyone who takes part will have the chance to try the virtual reality therapy. There is a limit on the number of people who can take part. If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch with Dr Eve Twivy (Email: eve.twivy@psy.ox.ac.uk or Phone: 07823 809582).

Please note this Study is independent of the School Aged Immunisation Service and your child may therefore be vaccinated on the date(s) indicated. Your child's vaccine does not need to be delayed for them to be eligible for this Study.

Immunisation Team Contact details

If you or your child have any concerns or wish to discuss these important immunisations, or find out about Community Clinics please telephone the Immunisation Team who will be able to direct your call to the most appropriate person.

Tel: 0792 025 4400 Email: Immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

For further information about vaccines please go to:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>

The Complete UK Immunisation Schedule can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-complete-routine-immunisation-schedule>