

March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 9 Vaccinations are now due at your child's school**  
**FARINGDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

As part of your child's ongoing healthcare, we would like to remind you about the importance of the upcoming Td/IPV and MenACWY vaccinations for students in Year 9. These vaccines are an essential part of protecting your child against serious infectious diseases and a team of vaccinators will be coming to your child's school on the following dates:

Main Session	25/04/2025
Catch up session	26/06/2025

If your child misses the main session, they may be vaccinated in the catch up session.

**Td/IPV Vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Inactivated Polio)**, also known as the 3 in 1 vaccine or Teenage Booster

This is one vaccine and helps protect your child against:

- Tetanus (a serious bacterial infection that affects the nervous system)
- Diphtheria (a bacterial infection that can cause difficulty breathing)
- Polio (a virus that can lead to paralysis)

Young people need a total of five doses of Td/IPV vaccine and the 5<sup>th</sup> and final dose is usually given in Year 9. The previous doses are usually given prior to starting school

**Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine**

This vaccine aims to protect your child against meningococcal disease, a rare but potentially life-threatening infection that can cause meningitis and septicaemia. This is one vaccine given at the same time as the Td/IPV and helps prevent infections caused by certain strains of the meningococcus bacteria (A, C, W, and Y).

To consent or refuse the vaccination, you need to complete a consent form at least one school day prior to the session date. The link will then close temporarily and reopen once the session has finished.

Once submitted, the consent form remains valid until the vaccines have been given. Therefore, it is important you inform us of any medical changes

<b>CONSENT FORM LINK</b>	<a href="https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP">https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP</a>
<b>UNIQUE SCHOOL CODE</b> add when prompted	<b>OX137993</b>
<b>INFORMATION LEAFLETS</b> Translated leaflets via link	<b>Td/IPV</b> leaflet available - click <a href="#">here</a> <b>Meningococcal ACWY</b> leaflet available - click <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Any problems contact us</b> <b>including translation support</b>	Email - <a href="mailto:immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a> Telephone- 07920 254400

Yours faithfully,



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## ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<b>I am not sure if my child has already had one or both of these vaccinations.</b>	Some children who have received travel vaccines or due to an injury may have already received their 5 <sup>th</sup> Td/IPV or Men ACWY vaccinations and may therefore not require them. Please check with the local Child Health Information Department on 0300 561 1851 or contact your GP in the usual way <b>BEFORE</b> submitting your consent form.
<b>How can I help my child prepare for their vaccinations?</b>	The vaccinations will be given at the top of your child's arm. Please ensure your child wears either a short-sleeved school shirt or games top or wears a T-shirt/vest under their school shirt so the shirt can be taken off if necessary. Please also encourage your child to bring a drink and a snack with them.
<b>Will my child receive any information?</b>	Information will also be sent via school to your child regarding this vaccination, how to prepare and what to expect.
<b>How do I inform you that there have been changes to my child's medical information after I have filled in the consent form?</b>	If you need to inform us of any medical changes please email us at <a href="mailto:immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a> please include your child's name, school, year group and date of birth.
<b>I do not want my child to have these vaccinations, do I need to complete a consent form?</b>	Please complete and submit the consent form, <b>refusing</b> the vaccination. If you submit a Consent Form refusing the vaccination we shall not contact you again regarding this vaccination until the next academic year when you will be given a further opportunity to consent.
<b>How do I withdraw consent for these vaccinations after completing the consent form?</b>	If you change your mind <b>after</b> submitting the consent form and no longer wish your child to be vaccinated, please follow these steps <b>1, Email</b> <a href="mailto:withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a> at least one full school day before the session <b>2, Written note</b> 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. <b>3, In both email and letter</b> include your child's school, name, year group and date of birth.
<b>Older Children and Consent</b>	Some young people in secondary school, who understand fully what is involved in a proposed procedure, such as vaccination, can legally provide their own consent (usually Year 9 and above).
<b>Has your child had both doses of the MMR vaccine?</b>	If your child has not received two doses of the MMR (Measles Mumps, Rubella) vaccine please contact us to arrange for these to be given.
<b>Where can I find out more information about vaccines and the UK schedule</b>	<b>Vaccination information</b> <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/</a> The UK vaccination schedule – check your child is up to date. <a href="#">Complete routine immunisation schedule from 1 September 2024 - GOV.UK</a>

### **Needle phobia study**

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 12-15 (inclusive) 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 Holly Turner (Research Assistant) via Email: [needlefear@psy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:needlefear@psy.ox.ac.uk) or Phone: 07500 101441.

*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.*