



21 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

HPV1 VACCINATION

I have now heard from the HRHC Immunisation Team that the first dose of the HPV Vaccination can now be offered to your child. The vaccination is scheduled for Tuesday 11th May 2021 and 2 nurses will be attending the school all day. I confirm the vaccinations will be taking place in the school hall under strict COVID-19 safety measures.

The HPV vaccine helps protect against cancers caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV), including the most common cause of cervical cancer, some head and neck cancers and some cancers of the anal and genital areas it also protects against genital warts. The HPV vaccination is offered to all Boys and Girls in Year 8 and 9.

The HPV vaccination consists of two separate injections given at least 6 months apart. The first dose of HPV is offered in Year 8 and the second dose in Year 9.

If your son/daughter is absent on the day of vaccination, we will plan to include him/her in one of our catch-up sessions.

Please discuss the HPV vaccination with your child and complete the attached consent form and return it to the school. It is important to note that you are consenting for both doses to be given. **Please return the consent form even if you decline the immunisation as I have to return all the consent forms sent out to all students.**

This is part of a National Programme and if you would like to discuss your child's immunisations, please contact the immunisation nurses on 0203 903 3380 or email HRCH.ImmunisationTeamBexleyMailbox@nhs.net. If you would like further information please visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations.

We understand, as a school, that the process of vaccinations for our students is likely to cause some distress. We request therefore that any parent wishing to have their child vaccinated also consents to attending the appointment with them. When returning the consent form please add a covering letter confirming whether you consent to accompanying your child to their appointment.

Once we have received the consent forms we will be contacting you to make the appointments. In the meantime, if you have any queries please contact Sasha Wilson in the School Office.

Yours sincerely

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