

Dorset School Age Immunisations Team

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Teenage Booster Immunisations: offer of Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) and combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Poliomyelitis (Td/IPV) vaccines to children in year 10 (and children in Years 11, 12 and 13 who have missed these vaccines previously)

We are pleased to confirm that these vaccinations will be provided in schools to help protect your child against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis and four 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). These diseases are very serious and can kill, especially if not diagnosed early. Your child is now due these two vaccines before leaving school, so that protection against these diseases will continue in adult life.

Further information from the NHS about these diseases, the vaccines given to protect your child against them, and any side effects is available here:

Td/IPV: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/>

Men ACWY: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/>

A leaflet about vaccines for young people published by Public Health England can be downloaded here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/849579/PHE_11490_IMM_young_people_A5_booklet_Dec2019.pdf

We are due to visit your child's school to vaccinate on:

School: Atlantic Academy
Date of Session: Wednesday 29 January 2020
Unique Session Code: 7fxprc
Deadline for submission: Thursday 23 January 2020

NB This code is only valid for the above so should not be used for siblings attending other schools.

You will need to enrol your child for this service and provide consent online instead of filling in a paper form. The simplest way to enrol is using your child's NHS number and their date of birth. If you do not know your child's NHS number you can use their date of birth and full name (as held by their GP). Register your child online now by following this link:

<https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms/school-age-immunisations-registration>

Once your child is registered we e-mail you a short questionnaire for you to provide consent for your child to be vaccinated and to ask you some health questions to make sure they can have the vaccine in school.

Your child may have already had the Td/IPV vaccine at an Emergency Department if they have attended following a tetanus prone wound. If this is the case, when you complete the online form please let us know when this was given, so we can advise whether the booster is needed.


If you decide you do not want your child vaccinated against MenACWY or Td/IPV, please do still complete the online consent form so that we are aware of this when we visit school. Providing a reason will also help us plan and improve the service.

If you are a foster carer or care for a Looked After Child (LAC/Child in Care) from Dorset or BCP Local Authority, you do not need to enrol the child as we will have already done this. The child's social worker will contact you regarding completion of the health questions. If you have a Looked After Child from another Local Authority please contact your child's Social Worker to discuss as soon as possible.

If you have any problems registering your child online please check our website: www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms including the Frequently Asked Questions section or complete the Contact Us form.

Important information: If your child has any serious illness after you complete the online consent form or for any other queries e-mail us at dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net . Please note that our operating hours are Monday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00, and we are unable to respond to enquiries outside these hours.

Yours faithfully



Angela Cosser
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If you're planning to travel abroad when you leave school, now is a good time to start thinking about your travel immunisations. Some injections should be given a few weeks before you travel so try to plan well in advance. There are immunisations against Meningitis, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies, Hepatitis A, Typhoid Fever, Cholera, Hepatitis B and Yellow Fever. Don't forget you may also need medication to stop you getting Malaria. Check with your GP, local health clinic or travel clinic to get up to date information on the immunisations you'll need.