

Dear Parent/ Carer of year 9 pupil

There is nothing more important than protecting your child's health. An important way to do this is to make sure they receive all of their recommended vaccinations.

Your child is now due to receive their final vaccinations of their childhood immunisation course. They are due to have two injections, one in each upper arm. The first is a booster dose for **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio** and the second is an injection to protect them against **Meningitis strains ACW & Y**. Your child is likely to have received immunisations against Diphtheria, tetanus and Polio when they were younger and also against Meningitis C. They require the booster doses to give them long lasting protection. Whilst in the UK diseases are kept at bay by high immunisation rates these diseases are still around in many countries throughout the world.

For most young people this completes their immunisation course and ensures they are protected against these diseases as they enter into adulthood. It is especially important that your child receives their Meningitis ACWY vaccine as there has been a recent increase in the numbers of Meningitis W cases in the UK during the past few years.

It is also important to make sure that your child has received two doses of measles mumps and rubella vaccine. They will have been offered this vaccine at around one year of age and again before they started school. Measles is a highly infectious disease that is easily spread in the community. If your child contracts measles they are at risk of serious complications including deafness, pneumonia and swelling of the brain. Sadly ten percent of people who become ill with measles die from it. The good news is that it is easily prevented by receiving this highly effective vaccination. The rubella part of the vaccine also protects women's unborn babies against congenital rubella syndrome. Both boys and girls are also protected from getting mumps which can affect their fertility if they contract it after puberty.

If your son or daughter has not received two doses of MMR please confirm this on their consent form and we will contact you directly to ensure they are offered this vaccine on another occasion.

Please complete your child's consent form and return it to their school within one week.

We will ensure this information is available in other languages or formats including braille and audio formats upon request.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the vaccines with a nurse, please do not hesitate to contact your local Immunisation Team on the relevant contact number:

01234 310408 (Kempston)

Additional information is available at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/men-acwyvaccine.aspx>

Yours faithfully

The Immunisation Team

Additional Information:

Common Side Effects:

- Swelling, redness and pain at the injection site
- Mild fever
- Nausea
- Headache

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- **Mother:** automatic
- **Father:** if married to mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- **Unmarried father:** if name appears on birth certificate (since 01.12.03) or legally acquired
- **Others:** if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- **Parental Responsibility Agreement:** signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- **Residence Order:** granted by the Court

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Who is collecting the data?

Essex Partnership University Trust Immunisation Service is collecting information about your child to ensure that we have up to date health information about their health at the time that you are consenting for them to receive an immunisation. Their demographic information is used to ensure that we identify their electronic health record accurately.

What data is being collected?

We ask for basic demographic data to allow us to identify them and their health record. The information about their health is utilised by the nurses to ensure that they can confirm that the immunisation is suitable for them.

What is the legal basis for processing the data?

Section 9(2)(h) allows for the processing of your child's data for the provision of direct healthcare and the management of healthcare systems.

Will the data be shared with any third parties?

Your child's data will be shared with their general practice (GP) and with the child health information system (CHIS) which holds immunisation and screening information for all children in the UK.

How will the information be used?

We collect data on consent forms to allow us to identify a person's health record if you have consented to their immunisation and to allow the nurses to make decisions about their care based on the most up to date information about their current health.

How long will the data be stored for?

The information will be stored on their electronic health record after their vaccination; this information will then be available throughout their lifetime. Their paper records will be destroyed once they have been scanned onto their record.

What rights does the data subject have?

Data subjects have the right to request a copy of any data we request or record about them.

How can you contact us with queries or concerns about this privacy notice?

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the information that we hold about your child or have a question regarding this privacy notice, please contact:

Our Data Protection Officer: Epunft.dpo@nhs.net Tel: 01268 407724

Or the Information Governance team: Epunft.info.gov@nhs.net

Or the Information Commissioner Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Web: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> Tel: 0303 123 1113