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Dear Parent and Carer,

**Year 9 Human Papilloma Vaccine (HPV) and catch-up programme.**

I hope this finds you well.

The immunisation team are due to attend St Michael's on Tuesday 4 May 2021 to vaccinate Year 9 students with their second dose of the HPV vaccine. If your child has received their first dose they will automatically be called by the immunisation team to receive their second dose. If you provided consent last year for the vaccine but your child did not receive the first dose then this will be given on Tuesday 4 May.

If you have not already consented for your child to receive their HPV vaccine, please visit <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/imms-cdurham-darlington-teesside/> and use the school code **139656** to give your consent. The last date to be able to provide online consent is at 23.59pm on 27 April 2021. If you have no internet access, please call the immunisation consent line on 01423 557693 and they will take your consent over the phone.

If you have already provided consent for your child to receive these immunisations, then you do not need to do anything.

Please find attached further information provided by the immunisation team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helen Keough', is written over a white background.

**Helen Keough**  
Headteacher



## **Frequently Answered Questions**

**Q I am not sure if I have already given my consent, do I need to do it again?**

**A** If you are unsure if you have already given consent, please contact the immunisation team via email on [hdfc.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:hdfc.immunisationteam@nhs.net) with your child's name, date of birth and the school they attend, then a member of the immunisation team can check for you.

**Q My child is unable to attend on the day?**

**A** If your child will not be in school on Tuesday 4 May 2021, you do not need to contact us. If you have consented online, your child's consent form will be automatically transferred to our catch up list and we will either catch your child up in school later this year or invite them to a catch up clinic.

**Q My child is also outstanding their DTP and Men ACWY. Can they be caught up on the session date?**

**A** Where possible we will be trying to catch up these vaccines on Tuesday 4 May 2021, but this will vary depending on staff availability and current COVID restrictions. If your child is receiving HPV and needs their DTP and Men ACWY they will receive 3 vaccines. We have already been doing this in some schools and this has worked well and not been a problem for the children.

**Q Can we organise this vaccination at my GPs instead?**

**A** GPs are not commissioned to provide routine school-age immunisations and will refuse in the majority of cases.

**Q My question is not answered here. How do I contact you?**

**A** Please contact us directly by emailing [hdfc.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:hdfc.immunisationteam@nhs.net) – when emailing the team please provide us with your query, your child's full name, DOB and the school that they attend.

Please note, we are a very small team, and it can take us up to 24 hours to respond to emails. Please do not contact your child's school – they are not directly involved in the planning and delivery of the immunisation session.