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Dear Parent and Carer,

Year 8 Human Papilloma Vaccine (HPV)

I hope this finds you well.

The immunisation team are due to attend St Michael's on Wednesday 16 June 2021 to vaccinate Year 8 students with their first dose of the HPV vaccine. In order for your child to be able, to receive their HPV vaccination consent must be provide to the NHS Childhood Immunisation Team.

To provide consent 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. If you have no internet access, please call the immunisation consent line on 01423 557693 and they will take your consent over the phone. It is important that consent is provided prior to the vaccination session on 16 June, as the immunisation team cannot take verbal consent whilst in session.

Please find attached further information provided by the immunisation team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Helen Keough".

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 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 Wednesday 16 June 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 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 – 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.