

School Immunisation Team
Human Papilloma Virus Vaccination

Dear Parent/Carer

'Beating Cervical Cancer' – the Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is available to all girls in year 8; your daughter will be offered this in school and is free on the NHS. The first dose will be given in year 8, and the second usually one year later, in year 9. The vaccination dates will be arranged by the School Immunisation Team, directly with the school.

By having this vaccination, your daughter will be protected against the commonest causes of cervical cancer. The vaccine also offers protection from the two types of HPV that cause the majority of genital warts. In order to get the best protection, it is essential that your daughter receives both vaccinations, and there will be opportunities to have any vaccinations missed through absence or sickness.

The most common side effects include redness, tenderness or swelling at the injection site, fever, fatigue, nausea, muscle aches or headache. A complete list of the ingredients for the vaccine and information on side effects is given in the Patient Information leaflet:

www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/19033/pil/gardasil and the summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/19016/SPC/gardasil/.

With this letter is a consent form. **If you wish your daughter to receive the vaccine, please complete sections 1 to 5 of the consent form in black ink, ticking the green box and return it to school.** If you do not wish your daughter to receive the vaccinations, complete sections 1 and 2, ticking the red box and return to school. If you do not return a consent form, we will contact you in order to confirm that you do not wish your daughter to receive the vaccine. Please note, that by your giving consent, you are agreeing to your child's electronic health record being updated by CCS NHS Trust, and your GP being notified.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE FORM IS RETURNED TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT IT IS SIGNED BY SOMEONE WITH LEGAL PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CHILD/YOUNG PERSON.

If you need further information regarding the HPV vaccinations please contact the Suffolk School Immunisation Team:- 01473 599140 or email: ccs-tr.suffolkimmsteam@nhs.net. Further information can be found online by searching 'childhood vaccinations' at: www.nhs.uk/hpv

Yours faithfully



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