

16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Your child is due their vaccination to protect against Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). This vaccine is offered to all young people in year 8 as part of the national immunisation programme and is free on the NHS.**

**Following the success of the HPV vaccination programme and effectiveness of the vaccine, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advised that the programme should be changed to a one dose schedule. Therefore, your child requires one dose of HPV vaccine to be protected. Children who are immunosuppressed will continue to be offered 3 doses.**

More information regarding these vaccinations can be accessed through the links below, **please make sure that you read the information contained in the links below before giving consent for your child's immunisations.** You must have parental responsibility or delegated authority for immunisations to consent for the vaccinations.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-vaccine-cervarix-gardasil-side-effects/>

**\*\*The number of children and young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. To be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella you need 2 vaccinations given one month apart. If your child has missed one or both of the MMR vaccinations please contact the team on 0300 124 0366 to arrange this vaccine\*\***

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

You must have parental responsibility or delegated authority to consent for the vaccination – please see definitions below if you are unsure you will be able to give consent.

The School Age Immunisation Service has arranged with school to visit on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024**, to administer this vaccination.

Electronic Consent - The team now operates a paperless consent system for the Adolescent Vaccination Programmes. The use of eConsent is quicker and easier to use and can be completed on any electronic device.

To complete the on-line consent form, please using the following link: <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

**Ryecroft CofE (C) Middle School – 21 May 2024 – HPV**

Your school code is:

**HPV145375-24**

Please make sure that you complete and submit your child's consent form as soon as you get it, whether you wish your child to be vaccinated or not and **only submit one consent form per child.**

**Consent Forms need to be completed by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 10:00am, as we are unable to accept them after this date.**

### **\*PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

The person(s) with parental responsibility will usually, but not always be the child's birth parents. People with parental responsibility for the child include: the child's mother; the child's father if married to the mother at the child's conception, birth or later; a legally appointed guardian; the local authority if the child is on a care order; or a person named in a residence order in respect of the child. Fathers who have never been married to the child's mother will only have parental responsibility if they acquired it through a court order or parental responsibility agreement. After the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003 unmarried fathers have automatic parental responsibility for their children if they are named on the birth certificate.

For a child born before the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003, they can be re-registered and the father named on the birth certificate, after which the father will have automatic parental responsibility.

(Ref: [www.childrenslegalcentre.com](http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com))

### **DELEGATED AUTHORITY:**

In particular circumstances, the person(s) who hold(s) parental responsibility may have given delegated authority to a foster carer to be able to give consent for immunisations. Where a foster carer does not hold delegated authority for immunisations please arrange for the local authority to complete and sign the enclosed form.

### **FRASER GUIDELINES:**

Children under the age of 16 can consent to their own treatment if they are believed to have competence and understanding to fully appreciate what is involved in their treatment.

(<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>)

The vaccination will be given into the muscle in the upper arm; school tops with short sleeves are easier on the day however if your young person wears long sleeves can a vest be worn under their shirt on the day of vaccination.

If your child is absent or ill on the day of a vaccination we will offer an opportunity for a catch up date either in school or at a community clinic. If your child has already received this immunisation, please contact us at [school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk) to prevent the vaccination being duplicated.

If you have any concerns and would like to discuss this vaccination further, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Immunisation Service on 0300 124 0366 Monday – Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm.

Kind Regards

### **School Age Immunisation Service.**

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation>



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