



Dear Parent/Carer,

## YEAR 8 HPV IMMUNISATIONS

Due to current lockdown measures, we are unable to offer routine in-school immunisation sessions as we have done in previous years. However, we have been directed by **Public Health England** to continue delivering routine immunisation programmes this year and to use alternative venues where necessary. We have been working closely with your child's school to ensure we can offer the HPV immunisation to all Year 8 students this term as planned. Please see below for details of when and where the clinic for your child's school will be taking place.

### HPV CLINIC DETAILS

**Venue: Caedmon College Whitby, Normanby Site**

**Address: Prospect Hill, Whitby, YO21 1LA**

**Date: Thursday 25 February**

*This venue has been risk assessed to ensure it is compliant with infection control and government guidelines.*

### WHAT TIME SHOULD I BRING MY CHILD?

Please use the link to the booking form and book in for appointment [HERE](#).

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- please ensure your child is wearing **short sleeves** so the nurse can easily access just below the shoulder to administer the vaccines
- only one adult may attend with your child. If you need to be driven to the appointment by another member of your household, please ensure that they remain in the car
- please wear a mask and maintain social distancing at all times
- when the nurses are ready, they will call for your child, discuss procedure and then proceed with the immunisation
- nurses will be in the following PPE: face mask, visor and apron
- once the immunisation is complete and your child is ready, we will ask you to leave via the exit door.

**In the majority of cases you should not need to contact us. Please read these FAQs below before getting in touch.**

## FAQs

### **I haven't consented for my child yet. Can they still come to this clinic?**

YES. Please bring them along. Our nurses can take verbal consent from an accompanying parent or legal guardian directly at the clinic. You do not need to contact us prior to attending the clinic.

### **I'm not sure if I've already consented online or not? Do I need to do it again?**

NO. If you have already consented then that's great – our nurses will have a copy of your form on the day. If you haven't consented or you're not sure if you have or not, our nurses can take verbal consent from an accompanying parent or legal guardian directly at the clinic. You do not need to contact us prior to attending the clinic.

### **My child can attend earlier/later that day, but not at the suggested time. What do I do?**

If you absolutely cannot come at the suggested time for your child, please pick a different time to attend. The purpose of the suggested times is to help maintain social distancing, so please consider waiting outside if the building appears to be busy when you arrive.

**I have multiple children in different Year 8 form groups. Do I need to bring them separately at the suggested times for their form?**

No, please bring them together at whichever of the suggested times is most convenient for you.

**My child can't attend on this day – how do I cancel/rebook?**

If you can't attend on the day, you don't need to contact us. If you 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 (if feasible) or invite them to another catch-up clinic if we are unable to use school as a venue.

If you have not consented online but would like your child to be added to the catch-up list for next time, please email us on [hdfc.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:hdfc.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net)

**I have a child in Year 9+ who is also outstanding their first/second HPV dose. Can they be caught up at this clinic?**

Where possible we will be trying to catch up older year groups at these clinics, but this will vary depending on venues and staff availability. If you have previously consented for your child, they will be on our catch-up list and we will contact you about them separately if we are planning catch-up work at this clinic.

**My son is in Year 10+. Can he have the HPV vaccine?**

The HPV programme was extended to boys in Year 8 from September 2019. As such, only boys in Years 8 and 9 are eligible, and there is no provision for catching up boys in older year groups on the NHS.

**Where can I find out more about the HPV vaccine?**

Please visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine/) to read more about the HPV vaccine.

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

GPs are not commissioned to provide routine school-age immunisations and will refuse in the majority of cases. For older children (Year 10+), GPs surgeries may be willing to catch them up, but this is at their discretion and not all surgeries will have the capacity to do this.

**My question isn't answered here. How do I contact you?**

Please contact us directly by emailing [hdfc.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:hdfc.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net). 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 or the venue** – they are not directly involved in the planning and delivery of this immunisation clinic.

Kind regards,

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