

Dorset School Age Immunisation Service

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Teenage Booster Immunisations: offer of Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) and combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Poliomyelitis (Td/IPV) vaccines to ALL children in Year 9, as well as children in Years 10 and 11 who have previously missed their vaccines.

We are pleased to confirm that these vaccinations will be provided in schools to help protect your child against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis and four types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). These diseases are very serious and can kill, especially if not diagnosed early. Your child is now due these two vaccines, so that protection against these diseases will continue in adult life.

Once you receive this offer letter you should complete the consent form (linked below on page 2) as soon as possible. It is important for you to discuss the consent form together with your child, please do this even if you don't want your child to receive the vaccination. Please be aware that if we do not receive the completed consent form, a young person may be assessed on an individual basis and invited to self-consent for the vaccination providing they can demonstrate an understanding of the vaccination offered to them. This approach is in line with the Gillick Competency Framework, please note we would only do this if we cannot get hold of a parent or guardian.

Details regarding the vaccination session for your child's school are as follows:

School	Livingstone Academy
Date of session	Wednesday 6th March 2024
Unique Session Code	4skecu
Complete online consent form no later than	Friday 1st March 2024

If you complete the form after the closing date we will not be able to immunise your child at the planned

school session, and you will need to attend a catch-up clinic at a community venue, which may not be local to your child's school.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING ONLINE CONSENT

- Please complete the online consent form using the following link:
<https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/dorset-tdm>
(This service is provided on behalf on Dorset HealthCare by InHealthCare)
- InHealthCare will send a verification code to your email address, to ensure we have your correct details.
- You will be asked a series of health questions for your child. There is space to add further information if your child has a health condition or additional needs.
- We will contact you if we require any further information. Please provide a daytime telephone number if possible.
- If you miss the deadline you can still complete a form but will be offered an appointment for a catch-up clinic at a community venue.
- If you decide you do not want your child to be vaccinated, there is a box on the consent form for you to complete and please do tell us why.

Your child may have already had the Td/IPV vaccine at an Emergency Department if they have attended following a tetanus prone wound. If this is the case, when you complete the online form please let us know when this was given, so we can advise whether the booster is needed.

Further information from the NHS about these diseases, the vaccines given to protect your child against them, and any side effects is available here:

Td/IPV: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/>

Men ACWY: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/>

A leaflet about vaccines for young people published by Public Health England can be downloaded here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/849579/PHE_11490_IMM_young_people_A5_booklet_Dec2019.pdf

Important information: In the unlikely situation that your child has any serious illness after you complete the online consent form or for any other queries, for example changes to and/or withdrawal of consent, please e-mail us at dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net or phone us on 01425 891162 and also contact your child's school. Please note that our operating hours are Monday to Friday 08:30 to 16:00, and we are unable to respond to enquiries outside these hours.

Yours faithfully

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