

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024

**Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY) Vaccinations Year 9 Programme.**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's routine Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations are due in year 9. These vaccinations are given by the School-aged Immunisation Team in schools.

We will be visiting your child's school between September 2024 and January 2025. Once date/s have been confirmed with school, they will inform you.

The Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) vaccine also known as the teenage booster or the 3-in-1 vaccine is given to boost your child's protection against three separate diseases. For further information go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/> where you can find information about the diseases, vaccine and any expected side effects that may occur afterwards.

MenACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against 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. For further information go to <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/men-acwy-vaccine.aspx> where you can find information about the disease, vaccine and any expected side effects that may occur afterwards.

Further information about these vaccinations can also be found at [Immunisations for young people - your questions answered \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/100000/immunisations_for_young_people_-_your_questions_answered.pdf)

Please discuss the vaccinations with your child and your decision to consent or not for your child to have the Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) **and/or** Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY) vaccinations and then follow the steps within this letter. Consent should be provided by a person with parental responsibility\*.

**If we do not receive a returned consent form from you and your child requests the vaccinations, their competency to consent will be assessed by an immunisation nurse and the vaccinations may be given. (Gillick Competency)**

We will be taking this opportunity to check that your child's routine vaccinations are up to date i.e. Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) vaccinations (You can check this with your GP Practice, if you have any questions) you can also contact the Immunisation Team or your School Nurse.

Please inform us if there are any changes to your child's health after you have completed the consent steps. Do not inform school staff of any changes. Our contact details are on this letter.

\* **Parental responsibility includes:** Mother; A father named on the birth certificate or married to the mother; Adult granted parental responsibility by the courts; Adult with delegated authority consent (given by the Local Authority when children are on a care order).

Please complete the steps in the box below, to consent or decline for your child to have Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) **and/or** Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY) vaccinations

**Please complete the form as soon as possible**

1. **Click on the following link:** [www.ncaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP](http://www.ncaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP)
2. **Enter and confirm your preferred email address** – you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.
3. **Enter your school code: NCA144627**
4. **Complete and submit the consent form**, indicating your choice of consent – Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP
5. **If you are unable to complete the online consent form, please contact your local immunisation team on 0161 206 0424.**

We hope that the information provided helps you to make a positive decision about helping protect your child against tetanus, diphtheria, polio and Meningitis.

Yours sincerely

**Oldham School Aged Immunisation Team**

**Contact Details:**

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School Nursing Immunisation Team**  
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**Contact a Local School  
Nurse by secure &  
confidential text  
07507 330499  
Learn more at  
<https://chathealth.nhs.uk/>**



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