

Academic Year 2024/25

HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE EE143981

Cornwall and Devon

School Age Immunisation Service

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Cornwall

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio and Meningitis ACWY

Do you have a child in year 10 or 11? Did they receive their Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccines in year 9?

- These are very important vaccines which will usually complete the routine childhood vaccinations, providing boosters from when your child was pre-school.
- If you are unsure, please call the team on 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools and 01392 342678 for Devon Schools and we will be able to advise. If you have consented and now wish to withdraw consent, please contact Kernow Health in the first instance.

If you have not submitted a consent form, please click on this link <a href="https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP.aspx">www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP.aspx</a> and enter the unique school code <a href="https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP.aspx">EE143981</a> where asked to do so.

- We will be visiting the school on Thursday 3 July 2025 and again later in the year as well as
  running some community catch-up clinics at various venues around the counties. We will give every
  opportunity for you to have your child immunised. Please submit your consent form by midday on
  Monday 30 June 2025 in order to ensure your child receives their vaccination.
- Your child can self-consent to treatment if they are considered competent to do so by one of our nurses; this is known as Gillick competency. If you require any further information in this regard, please contact us or go to <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/</a>

Further information on the vaccination programme can be found on NHS Choices at: <u>A guide to immunisation for teenagers and young people</u>

Please also note that as in previous years you must **opt-in** to the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child might <u>not</u> be vaccinated. If you decide not to have your child vaccinated it would help us if you complete a form and tick 'no' consent stating your reasons.

We are trying to improve how we communicate with patients. Please tell us if you need information in a different format or communication support.

Yours faithfully

Dr Paul Cook Chief Medical Officer

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