

Academic Year 2021/22
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Dear Parent/Guardian

YOUR CHILD'S MENINGITIS ACWY AND TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA/POLIO VACCINATIONS ARE NOW DUE

Kernow Health is delivering the school-age immunisation programme in Cornwall on behalf of NHS England. We will be immunising **year 9 girls and boys** against Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio and Meningitis ACWY during this academic year, 2021/22.

Meningitis ACWY

This vaccine protects against Meningitis (inflammation of the brain) and Septicaemia (blood poisoning) caused by Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y.

The vaccine is being offered in response to a rapid increase in cases of Meningococcal disease group W, an aggressive strain.

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio

Your child will also receive an immunisation against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio. The teenage booster, also known as 3-in-1 or the Td/IPV vaccine, is given as a single injection into the upper arm to boost your child's protection against the three separate diseases.

The teenage booster is available **for all young people in school year 9** and is generally given at the same time as the Meningitis ACWY vaccine.

These vaccines will normally complete your child's immunisation in accordance with the NHS England schedule.

Please click the following link to access the online consent form <http://bit.ly/32OlzYS> Please quote the unique school code. The code for your school is **EE143981**

Our visit to your child's school is **on Friday 15 July 2022** and you will need to submit your form **by midday on Tuesday 12 July 2022** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. As well as visits to the school we will be running catch-up clinics during the course of the year to give every opportunity for your child to be immunised. If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone **01872 221105** and the team will be happy to help.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be accessed by clicking [Here](#)

As in previous years you must **opt-in** to the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child might not be vaccinated.

- ***Please note: 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. For more information please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>***

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

If you consent but then wish to withdraw consent, please contact Kernow Health in the first instance.

Further information on the vaccination programme can be found on NHS Choices at:
<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx>

Yours faithfully



Dr Jonathan Katz
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TEENAGE BOOSTER