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Dear Parent/Carer

**Your child is now eligible for their Meningococcal ACWY & the 3-in-1 teenage booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio) vaccinations**

The **NHS Immunisation Team** will be visiting your child's school **Maiden Erlegh Reading** on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025** to offer two routine childhood vaccinations:

- **Meningitis ACWY** – to protect against 4 types of bacteria that can cause meningitis, click **here** for more information.
- Teenage booster dose of **Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio, protecting against the serious illnesses they can cause** (which completes the 5-dose programme, offered from 8 weeks of age in the UK). Click **here** for more information.

**How to complete a YES or NO consent form for the above vaccinations**

To enable the Immunisation team to account for all eligible children and young people we kindly request that a **YES** or **NO** consent form is completed by the person with parental responsibility. Please follow the instructions below to complete a **YES** or **NO** consent form:

- Visit the Immunisation Team consent form website via the following **link**.
- Insert your email address and your child's school's unique code **BK141886**
- Submit the form by 9am, one full school day before the planned session date to ensure your child receives their vaccinations. If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone **0300 365 0077** and the team will be happy to help you.
- **Please only submit one form per child.** If you are unsure that you have completed a form, please check your emails for communication from Cinnamon Digital or contact the Berkshire Immunisation Service.

Please be aware that it is possible for a young person to seek to self-consent to vaccinations (if assessed as Gillick Competent) which can override your decision. **Green book chapter 2\_Consent (publishing.service.gov.uk)**

We ask for your child's NHS number on all consent forms, which allows their immunisation to be recorded on their GP records. Their NHS number can be requested here: **Find your NHS number - NHS (www.nhs.uk)**

Kind Regards,

**The Berkshire NHS Immunisation Team**



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We will be polite and kind and we expect you to treat our staff in the same way. We will take action against anyone who is verbally, racially, physically or sexually abusive, including stopping access to our services.

### **Additional Information:**

- Whilst we seek consent from the person with parental responsibility it is important that you discuss the offered vaccinations with your child. The decision to vaccinate your child should be a joint decision and it is important that your child understands what it is they are being offered and why. Feedback from children and young people has told us that young people do not always know they are having vaccinations, and they do not understand what they are for.
- We are required to account for all children and young people, who are offered vaccinations. If we do not receive a **YES** or **NO** consent form for your child, we will continue to make contact via text, email and telephone until we have a response.
- If you require support with accessing and/ or completing the electronic consent form or require in another format, please contact us on the details on the front of this letter.
- If your child requires additional support to be vaccinated, due to issues such as:
  - Not attending school regularly
  - Fearful of needles
  - Highly anxious
  - Long term health condition

Please do reach out to us to discuss the individual needs of your child. We can support children with additional needs within community clinic settings, we also work closely with CAMHS to support children and young people who are needle phobic.

If, after completing a **YES** consent form you change your mind about your consent wishes, or your child receives these vaccinations elsewhere we ask that you email us via [withdrawconsentimms@berkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:withdrawconsentimms@berkshire.nhs.uk) (with your child's name, date of birth and school), to inform us and your child's school before the date of the school session. Please ensure that your child is aware that consent has changed.

**Please also provide a written note to School Reception by 9am on the vaccination day, for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team including your child's full name and DOB advising us of your wishes**

### **Is your child up to date with their routine childhood vaccinations?**

Vaccines are one of the most effective public health initiatives that prevent children and young people becoming seriously ill with infectious diseases. In the UK all children are offered routine vaccination from the age of 8 weeks. Vaccinations are given at 8, 12 and 16 weeks, 1 year and then around 3 years and 4 months. In secondary school vaccinations are offered in year 8 and year 9. If you are unsure what they should have had please click [here](#). You can also check with their GP. If you think your child has missed any routine vaccinations, please either email or call us via our contact details to discuss. We can offer catch up vaccinations in schools or community clinics

### **For further information on the Vaccines being offered to your Child see below:**

- Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio Booster - [A guide to the 3 in 1 teenage booster \(Td/IPV\) vaccine - GOV.UK](#)
- Meningitis ACWY - [MenACWY vaccine: information for young people - GOV.UK](#)
- Immunisations for teenagers and young people - [Immunisations for teenagers and young people - GOV.UK](#)
- Meningitis and Septicaemia - [Meningitis and septicaemia: leaflet for students in years 9 to 10 - GOV.UK](#)