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28th January 2021,

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Postponement of Year 9 DTP/Men Vaccinations (0072-21PRU)

Due to technical difficulties with the Immunisation Team's online consent portal, the immunisation team have been unable to complete the administration work needed prior to scheduled vaccinations on 1st February 2022.

The Immunisation Team have therefore notified school that they will be unable to attend on Tuesday 1st February 2022. They have rescheduled the DTP/Men ACWY Vaccinations with school and these will now take place on **Tuesday 8th March 2022**.

Please note, any consent forms that have been completed are saved on the portal and will be used for the March immunisations. Please only complete the online consent if you have not yet done so and would like your child to be vaccinated.

Should you wish to complete consent, please find the Immunisations Team's letter and instructions of how to complete consent on the following pages.

Please note, deadline for consent is midnight on 28th February 2022.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Rutter

Academy Administration Manager

Your Growing Healthy Team are here for all children and young people, providing support, encouraging healthy lifestyles and protecting those who are most vulnerable.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Protecting Your Children Against Meningitis and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio

Your child is being offered two vaccines in Year 9. These are the MenACWY vaccine, which helps to protect against **Meningitis** and **Septicaemia**, and the DTP booster which helps to protect against **Diphtheria**, **Tetanus** and **Polio**.

How do I give my consent?

1. Go to www.hdft.nhs.uk/schoolvaccinations
2. Enter the School Code **145577** and click “Find School”
3. **Complete the form** with your child’s information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the **green “Submit” button**.

*Once submitted, if you provide a valid email address, you will receive an automatic confirmation email. We will also email you to let you know that your child has been immunised. If your child has specific medical requirements, one of our nurses may need to get in touch before we are due to carry out the immunisations. We routinely share your child’s vaccination information with their registered GP surgery.

The deadline for online consents is Midnight 28th February 2022

Why is the Meningitis vaccine being offered?



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The **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.

Why is the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccine being offered?

The **3-in-1 DTP booster vaccine** helps protect your child against three severe diseases; **diphtheria, tetanus and polio**.

Diphtheria is a serious disease that can damage the heart and nervous system.

Tetanus is a painful disease affecting the nervous system which can lead to muscle spasms and breathing problems.

Polio is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause permanent paralysis of muscles.

Where can I find out more?

We hope that the information provided addresses any concerns you or your child might have about these vaccinations. By having these vaccines your child will be protecting themselves and others from very serious diseases. It is important that this letter is shared with your child.

For more information regarding the **MenACWY** vaccination please visit this website:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine

For more information regarding the **DTP booster** vaccination please visit this website:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster

For more information about **our service** please visit:
www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/imms-cdurham-darlington-teesside/

If you have any questions regarding this programme, or you believe your child's vaccination status is not up to date **please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team** by emailing hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net or calling us on 0300 003 2554.

Yours sincerely,

Childhood Immunisation Team for Durham, Darlington & Teesside