

West Essex Immunisation Team
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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are visiting your child's school later this term for a catch-up vaccination session. This letter outlines the offer being made for your children.

The four vaccines on offer are:

HPV, offered from year 8 – this provides protection against Human Papillomavirus which is the primary cause of several cancers. This vaccine significantly reduces the risk of your child developing these cancers.

DTP, offered from Year 9. This is the final dose in the diphtheria, tetanus and polio vaccination schedule. Your child will already have had three doses as a baby and one before starting school. A fifth dose is needed for long-term protection. Tetanus, found in the UK, can enter the body through wounds such as bites, burns or cuts and can cause serious illness requiring hospital treatment. As there is no herd immunity for tetanus, each person must be vaccinated to be protected.

Meningitis ACWY, offered from year 9. This vaccine, introduced into the routine UK schedule in 2015, has had a significant impact in reducing the occurrence of some strains of meningitis among young adults. Meningitis can cause septicaemia and can be life-threatening.

MMR, usually given at preschool age, but can be caught up at any time. Protects against measles, mumps and rubella. These three infections spread easily and can lead to serious problems including meningitis, blindness and hearing loss. Two doses of the MMR vaccine provide long term protection.

For more information please follow this link...[A guide to immunisation for teenagers and young people](#)

You should have received a consent form via text or email inviting you to consent if your child has missed one or more of these vaccinations. They are safe to have at the same time. Alternatively, you can request via the consent form if you would like us to offer a clinic appointment.

If you have already given consent for vaccination at an earlier school session this academic year and your child has not yet received it, we will be able to administer the vaccine during this visit. Please contact us if you no longer wish the vaccine to be given or if you need to update your child's medical history, by emailing hct.csaishwe@nhs.net or calling the number above.

Yours sincerely,

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