

**Dorset School Age Immunisation Service**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine: to all students in Year 8**

HPV vaccination will be provided in schools to help protect your child against cancers caused by HPV. From September 2023 routine adolescent HPV immunisation programme for all children in school year 8 (aged 12 to 13 years) will move from two doses to one dose.

Further information from the NHS about these diseases, the vaccine given to protect your child against them, and any side effects is available here:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine)

We are due to visit your child's school to vaccinate on:

School	<b>Beaminster School</b>
Date of session	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>
School / LEA Code	<b>3spbsu</b>
Complete online consent form no later than	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 2024</b>

**Please complete the online form by the above date (in red) to ensure that we have time to check the form and contact you if there are any queries. If you complete the form after this date, we will not be able to immunise your child at the planned school session, and you will need to attend a catch-up clinic at a community venue, which may not be local to your child's school.**

If you have a child at another school you will receive a separate letter with a different code for that school.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING ONLINE CONSENT**

- Please complete the online consent form using the following link:
- [links.inhealthcare.co.uk/dorset-hpv](http://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/dorset-hpv)
- InHealthCare will send a verification code to your email address, to ensure we have your correct details.

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- You will be asked a series of health questions for your child. There is space to add further information if your child has a health condition or additional needs.
- We will contact you if we require any further information. Please provide a daytime telephone number if possible.
- If you miss the deadline you can still complete a form but will be offered an appointment for a catch-up clinic at a community venue.
- If you decide you do not want your child to be vaccinated, there is a box on the consent form for you to complete and please do tell us why.

If your child has already received an HPV vaccine elsewhere, when you complete the online form please let us know when and where this was given.

For children in care you are most likely to have delegated authority to sign consent for the immunisation. If you are uncertain or you do not have delegated authority please speak to the child's social worker as soon as possible.

If you have any problems registering your child online please check our website:

[www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms](http://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms) including the Frequently Asked Questions section or complete the Contact Us form.

A leaflet about vaccines for young people published by Public Health England can be downloaded here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/849579/PHE\\_11490\\_IMM\\_young\\_people\\_A5\\_booklet\\_Dec2019.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/849579/PHE_11490_IMM_young_people_A5_booklet_Dec2019.pdf)

Information about vaccinations that young people are eligible for can be found here:

[NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

**Important information:** If your child has any serious illness after you complete the online consent form or for any other queries e-mail us at [dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net) . Please note that our operating hours are Monday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00, and we are unable to respond to enquiries outside these hours.

Yours faithfully

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