



Dear Parent/ Carer,

YEAR 8 HPV IMMUNISATIONS

The immunisation team have been working closely with school to ensure they can offer the HPV immunisation to all Year 8 students this term as planned. The immunisation team are scheduled to come into school on **Wednesday 17th March**. This is the same day that the Year 8 students are having their third Covid-19 lateral flow test in school – so we plan for each student to have the immunisation immediately after their LFD swabs in CGH.

- Please ensure your child is wearing **short sleeves** (under their school shirt) so the nurse can easily access just below the shoulder to administer the vaccines.
- Immunisation nurses will be in the following PPE: face mask, visor, apron and gloves.
- When the nurses are ready, they will discuss the procedure with your child and then proceed with the immunisation.

FAQs

I haven't consented for my child yet. Can they still go to the immunisation session?

YES. They should attend with the rest of their class. The nurses can take verbal telephone consent from a parent or legal guardian – they will try to contact you by telephone when your child attends at their allotted time. You do not need to contact them prior to your child attending the appointment. The nurses will not give the vaccination without receiving consent. School have a list of students whose parent/legal guardian have declined consent – those pupils will not be given the vaccination. They can attend for their lateral flow Covid test, if they have been having those in school, and then return to class.

I'm not sure if I've already consented online or not? Do I need to do it again?

NO. If you have already consented then that's great – the nurses will have a copy of your form on the day. If you haven't consented or you're not sure if you have or not, the nurses can take verbal telephone consent. You do not need to contact them or school prior to attending the clinic.

My child was/is absent on 17th March

You don't need to contact us. If you consented online, your child's consent form will be automatically transferred to the catch-up list and they will either catch your child up in school later this year (if feasible) or invite them to another catch-up clinic if they are unable to use school as a venue.

If you have not consented online but would like your child to be added to the catch-up list for next time, please email on hdfc.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net

I have a child in Year 9+ who is also outstanding their first/second HPV dose. Can they be caught up at this clinic?

If you have previously consented for your child, they will be on the catch-up list and will be immunised when the team are in school for the Year 9 immunisations later this year.

My son is in Year 10+. Can he have the HPV vaccine?

The HPV programme was extended to boys in Year 8 from September 2019. As such, only boys in Years 8 and 9 are eligible, and there is no provision for catching up boys in older year groups on the NHS.

Where can I find out more about the HPV vaccine?

Please visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine/ to read more about the HPV vaccine.

Can we organise this vaccination at my GPs instead?

GPs are not commissioned to provide routine school-age immunisations and will refuse in the majority of cases. For older children (Year 10+), GPs surgeries may be willing to catch them up, but this is at their discretion and not all surgeries will have the capacity to do this.

My question isn't answered here. How do I contact the immunisation team?

Please contact them directly by emailing hdfc.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net. Please note, they are a very small team, and it can take up to 24 hours to respond to emails.