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School: **The Ripley Academy**

Dear Headteacher

SECONDARY SCHOOL BASED VACCINATIONS FOR TEENAGE BOOSTER AND MENINGOCOCCAL ACWY (MEN ACWY)

In secondary schools, the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) for Derbyshire and Derby City will be offering **all year 9** students the Teenage Booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio) and the new Meningococcal ACWY (Men ACWY) which replaces the Men C.

We have now sent out a few emails to inform you that we would be using e-consents instead of paper consent forms for the Teenage Vaccination Programme. The information we need you to send to parents, either by email, text or newsletter is on page 2 of this email.

The date for the immunisation session is below. This can also be found on our website <http://www.derbyshireschoolnurses.org.uk/parents/immunisations/immunisation-dates>

DATE: 10 February 2020 if you have requested a date change already we will be in touch shortly with new dates.

We have found the most effective way to get students to the team is to give each class a time to attend, approximately 20 mins per class. Alphabetical order also works well. However as a school you may have a more effective way of organising the students. The team will aim to be at school for 9am and the sessions will begin from 9.30am

Please could we ask that you have the following ready for the team on the day:

- A member of school staff to maintain the order and discipline of the pupils. This is crucial to the smooth running of the session.
- A room of sufficient size room to accommodate the Immunisation Team (approximately 4–8 staff), either a classroom or hall, with chairs and tables for the team and pupils.
- A waiting area for the pupils where they can be prepared for the vaccination (this can be any area safe for the students including a corridor or within the same room if large enough).
- Screens and crash mats if available to provide privacy to the students if feeling unwell, a jug of water with disposable cups.
- The nurses will need access to school Wi-Fi to use a laptop to access Child Health Records.
- Car parking facilities for the day if possible or at least provision to drop off equipment.

The Immunisation Team will aim to complete the programme with the minimum of disruption to the normal running of the school.





The session will be completed within one school day. Please note: The team will only visit the school once; any pupils that are absent will be offered a catch up clinic appointment over the school holidays. GP's will not be able to give these vaccinations.

Please be aware that should unplanned events occur, completion of the programme is not guaranteed. Should sessions need to be cancelled or rearranged by ourselves we will endeavour to give you a minimum of one week's notice.

If, due to sickness, safe practice cannot be maintained sessions may be cancelled without notice.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team via the contact details at the top of this letter should you have any queries regarding the arrangements for the vaccination programme.

Thank you in anticipation of your acknowledgement and support. This immunisation programme is crucial in keeping students safe and protected.

Yours sincerely

Immunisation Team

Please note: Legally students can self-consent on the day, however this creates much more work for staff and the team. Therefore please reiterate to students how important it is to complete the e-consent as soon as they are notified.

Please send the information below to parents.

Dear Parents/Carers

From September 2019 we will be using e-consent for the Teenage Booster, and Men ACWY vaccination programme. We will be vaccinating girls and boys in Year 9.



Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/> or (for iPhone and Android's with the "scan me" app) and click on the Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio, Men ACWY icon to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

Your unique school code for The Ripley Academy is DD141259

For more information about the vaccination and the date we are due into your school please visit our website: <http://www.derbyshireschoolnurses.org.uk/parents/immunisations>

If you experience any problems please call the School Age Immunisation Team.

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