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Dear Parent/Carer.

Important information about school aged vaccinations

A number of free immunisations available on the NHS are provided in schools rather than through GP practices. These help protect against serious diseases including **cancer** and **meningitis**. We are therefore writing to parents of home schooled children to explain how they can access these important immunisations for their children.

The following children are affected:

- Girls (not boys) aged 12 to 13 years who would be in school year 8 if not home-schooled - they are eligible for HPV immunisation which helps prevent cervical cancer
- All 14 year old boys & girls who would be in school year 9 if not home-schooled are eligible for Men ACWY and Td/IPV immunisations which help protect against meningitis, tetanus, diphtheria and polio.

HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine - protects against the two types of human papillomavirus that cause most cases cervical cancer, which is the most common cancer in women under 35 in the UK. Routinely the first HPV dose is offered in school year 8 followed by second dose 6 to 12 months after the first.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine/>

Td/IPV vaccine (also known as the 3-in-1 or teenage booster) - is given to boost protection against 3 separate diseases: tetanus, diphtheria and polio. It is routinely given in school year 9 at the same time as the MenACWY vaccine.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/>

MenACWY vaccine - protects against four different strains of the meningococcal bacteria that cause meningitis and septicaemia: A, C, W and Y.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/>

These vaccinations are given by the School Aged Immunisation Service in your area throughout the academic year.

To arrange for your child to be vaccinated please contact The School Aged Immunisation Service in your area.

Contact details of the School Aged Immunisation Service for your area:

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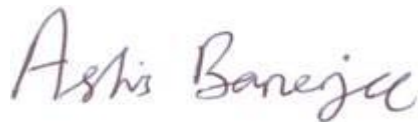
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Yours Sincerely



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