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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your Year 9 child's Teenage Boosters/MenACWY are now due.

This includes two single injections; if you would like further information, please visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations or a leaflet can be collected via the school.

The two injections are:

- The Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (Td/IPV)
- Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)

Along with these vaccines is an opportunity to also have:

- Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) (if your child has not had two doses of the MMR)

Please discuss these vaccines with your child and use this link to complete the form

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/dtp/2023/merton>



The deadline to complete the link is midnight on **Wednesday, 06 March 2024**

Please call us on 02039033373 or 02039033371 if you have missed the deadline to complete the form as you won't be able to complete the form online.

Please complete one consent form only for each child to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

Please complete the consent form even if you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child this year. Completion of the consent form is not mandatory if you do not want your child to be vaccinated. However, as providers of the school age vaccinations, NHSE requires that we provide numbers of parents that do not consent to their child being vaccinated.

Therefore, we will only use this information to provide numbers of parents declining consent, no other details will be shared. If consent forms are not completed, you may be contacted by phone or text. If you have returned a no consent, we will not make any further contact this year. Please see our privacy notice if you require further details [Patient records: Hounslow & Richmond Community Healthcare \(hrch.nhs.uk\)](http://Patient records: Hounslow & Richmond Community Healthcare (hrch.nhs.uk))

In the absence of a signed consent form from parents, we will invite the young person to self-consent for the above vaccinations providing they can demonstrate understanding of the vaccinations due. Ultimately, the decision to consent is the young person's choice, providing they understand the issues involved in self-consent. This is in line with the Gillick Competence Guidelines.

If you have any queries or require assistance completing a form. Please contact the immunisation team below.

Merton Schools: HRCH.ImmunisationTeamMertonMailbox@nhs.net Tel: 0203 903 3373 or 0203 903 3371

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Are there any side effects?

It is common to get some swelling, redness or tenderness where you have the injection. Sometimes a small painless lump develops, but this usually disappears in a few weeks. More serious effects are rare but include fever, headache, dizziness or feeling faint, feeling sick and swollen glands.

If you feel unwell after the immunisation, take paracetamol. Read the instructions on the bottle or packet carefully and take the correct dose for your age. If necessary, take a second dose 4 to 6 hours later.

If your temperature is still high after the second dose, speak to your GP or call the free NHS helpline 111.

If you experience any suspected side effects to the vaccine, you can report these on the Yellow Card website or by calling 0800 731 6789 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday) or by downloading the Yellow Card app. www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard

Now is a good time to check that you are up to date with all your immunisations

Immunisations for young people



NHS vaccinations



For more information about teenage vaccinations visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations or read <https://qrco.de/YoungPeopleImms>



It's not too late to catch up on the doses you may have missed.

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Td/IPV teenage 3 in 1 booster



At 14 years old or during Year 9 of school you become eligible for the 3 in 1 teenage booster dose of the vaccine that prevents tetanus, diphtheria and polio. **The Td/IPV vaccine will boost your body's immunity to these infectious diseases which may have decreased as you have grown up.**

Important information for students in schools and sixth form colleges

Protect yourself against MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS AND SEPTICAEMIA

Meningococcal meningitis (swelling of the brain lining) and septicaemia (blood poisoning) are caused by meningococcal bacteria.

These conditions are rare but very serious and need urgent hospital treatment.

Teenagers and young adults are in one of the highest risk groups for meningococcal disease.

MenACWY vaccine helps protect you from four common meningococcal groups – Men A, C, W and Y.

Help protect yourself by having the MenACWY vaccine you are offered in Year 9 or 10.

If you missed the vaccine talk to your school provider. It is free of charge before your 25th birthday.



For more information, speak to your GP surgery, or visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations, www.meningitis.org or www.meningitisnow.org

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Yours sincerely,
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