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Dear Parent / Carer

### **Immunisation Programme for School Age Children**

We are writing to let you know about the vaccinations that are offered to young people in schools.

We would also like to offer this to home educated children too. Currently, the following immunisations are offered:

#### **Meningitis ACWY**

Meningococcal ACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against 4 types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W, and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). Cases of meningococcal W disease in England have increased significantly in recent years. This is routinely given in Year 9.

#### **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (3 in 1 teenage booster)**

This booster dose is important to ensure a young person's continuing immunity and protection against these diseases. Universities and Colleges increasingly ask for evidence of this vaccination. This is routinely given in Year 9.

#### **HPV**

The HPV vaccination helps protect boys and girls from HPV-related cancers. This virus increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital areas. This is routinely given in Year 8.

#### **MMR**

We would also like to remind you that all children and young people should have 2 doses of MMR. If you are not sure whether your child has been fully immunised against MMR please contact your local CSAIS Team.

#### **Flu**

It is expected that this year flu will be circulating alongside other respiratory viruses and COVID-19. It is therefore important to protect those at risk, prevent ill-health and minimise further impact on the NHS and social care. Flu will be offered to students in Reception to Year 11.

For further vaccination information please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>

Some of these vaccinations are only available to young people in certain age groups. If you would like your child to receive any of these, please contact us on 0300 555 5055 option 3 or [hct.csaissnee@nhs.net](mailto:hct.csaissnee@nhs.net) to book an appointment at one of our clinics.

### **Hertfordshire and East Anglia Community School Aged Immunisation Service**

*This service is provided by **Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust** and covers Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Hertfordshire and West Essex, Mid and South Essex, Norfolk and Waveney, and Suffolk and North East Essex*