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Dear Parent/Guardian

YOUR CHILD'S HPV VACCINATION IS NOW DUE

All girls aged 12 to 13, in school years 8 and 9, are offered the HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccination as part of the NHS childhood immunisation programme. The vaccine protects against cervical cancer and is offered at schools in England as a course of 2 injections.

According to Cancer Research UK, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women under the age of 35. In the UK, 2900 women a year are diagnosed with cervical cancer - that is around eight women every day. It is estimated that about 400 lives could be saved every year in the UK as a result of vaccinating girls before they are infected with HPV.

We are due to a return visit to your child's school on Friday 29th March 2019. In order to access the online consent form, please click on the following link <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/SecondarySchool>

You will need to enter the unique code for your child's school. The code is **EE143981**. Please submit your form by noon on Monday 25th March 2019 to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone 01872 221105/06 and the team will be happy to help.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be found [Here](#). Please note that as in previous years you must opt-in to the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child will **not** be vaccinated. If you decide not to have your child vaccinated please let us know so we can enter this on your child's medical records.

Further information on the vaccination programme can be found at NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine.aspx>

We are trying to improve how we communicate with patients. Please tell us if you need information in a different format or communication support.

Yours faithfully

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