



**HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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Dear Parent / Guardian

## **YOUR CHILD'S MENINGITIS ACWY AND TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA/POLIO VACCINATIONS ARE NOW DUE**

Kernow Health is delivering the school-age immunisation programme in Cornwall on behalf of NHS England. We will be immunising year 9 girls and boys against Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio and Meningitis ACWY during the coming year.

### **Meningitis ACWY**

This vaccine protects against Meningitis (inflammation of the brain) and Septicaemia (blood poisoning) caused by Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y.

The vaccine is being offered in response to a rapid increase in cases of Meningococcal disease group W, an aggressive strain.

### **Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio**

Your child will also receive an immunisation against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio. The teenage booster, also known as 3-in-1 or the Td/IPV vaccine is given as a single injection into the upper arm to boost your child's protection against the three separate diseases.

The teenage booster is available for all young people in school year 9 and is generally given at the same time as the Meningitis ACWY vaccine.

These vaccines will normally complete your child's immunisations in accordance with the NHS England schedule.

Please click the following link to access the online consent form <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/SecondarySchool> Please quote the unique school code. The code for your school is **EE143981**

We are due to visit your child's school on Tuesday 22nd January 2019; you will need to submit your form by Tuesday 15th January 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 accessed by clicking [Here](#)

Further information on the vaccination programme can be found on NHS Choices at: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx>

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.

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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