

Immunisation Service

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To Parents/Carers of Year 9

23 May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Phone: 0300 123 5205

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25/6/2019 – Vaccinations in school:

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

As your child is in Year 9 the Immunisation Team in KCHFT would like to invite your son to receive the MenACWY and Td/IPV vaccinations, which will be carried out in school on Tuesday 25 June.

MenACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against four 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) and can kill. Cases of meningococcal W disease (“MenW”) in England have increased significantly in recent years.

Tetanus is a painful disease affecting the nervous system which can lead to muscle spasms, cause breathing problems and can kill. It is caused when germs in soil and manure get into the body through open cuts and wounds, it cannot be passed from person to person.

Diphtheria is a serious disease that usually begins with a sore throat and can quickly lead to breathing problems. It can damage the heart and nervous system, it can kill.

Polio is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause permanent paralysis of the muscles. If it affects the chest muscles or the brain, it can kill.

Before 14th June 2019 please complete an online consent form either by visiting our website www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms and clicking the link for Men ACWY and Td/IPV consent form, or completing the attached consent form and returning to the school by 14 June. You can also find out more information about the vaccinations on the above link.

Chairman John Goulston Chief Executive Paul Bentley

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Please note that a young person can consent to an immunisation if they are deemed competent to do so. Further information about consent can also be found on our website.

If you require further information, would like paper copies of immunisation information leaflets or would like to speak with a member of the immunisation team please contact us on the phone number overleaf.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine Burton', with a long, sweeping underline.

Catherine Burton
Head of School Public Health and Immunisation Service