

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you that The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme has changed from 1 September 2023.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) have advised that one dose has been shown to be just as effective as two doses at providing protection from HPV infections. From Sept 2023, all children that receive their vaccine in school will require only one dose of the HPV vaccine. Those who have already received one dose of the vaccine prior to Sept 2023 will be considered fully vaccinated. Therefore, no second dose of HPV is required in Year 9.

If your child did not receive their HPV vaccination in Year 8 they remain eligible for vaccination with the School Aged Immunisation Service up to the end of Year 11. After this, eligible males and females can access vaccination via their GP up until their 25th birthday.

If your child has not received their HPV vaccination and you would like to consent now, please use the link below or the QR code. We can then see your child at a school session if one is booked or at a community clinic.

Your child's school code is:

<https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-southampton-hpv>



Please also complete the online form to opt your child out of the HPV vaccination.

Information about the HPV virus and the vaccination programme can be found:

[The universal HPV immunisation programme \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Further information can also be found on [HPV vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If at any time you wish to change your consent, you will be required to contact our service to inform us and inform your child's school before the date of the school session. Please ensure that your child is aware that consent has changed.

Please be aware that there is no change to the routine Tetanus, diphtheria & Polio booster vaccination or the Meningitis ACWY vaccination. These will be offered in Year 9 in school as usual between January and March 2024. You will receive the consent link via email from school.

If you have any questions or if you are unable to complete the online E-consent form, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service as above.

With best wishes,

School Aged Immunisation Service

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a LEA code?

A: Local Education Authority code identifies the school.

Q: Has your child received any doses of the HPV vaccine elsewhere?

A: Occasionally the GP may give this vaccination or they may have had it at a previous school.

Q: Has your child ever had a severe reaction to previous immunisations?

A: This is a reaction that required hospital or emergency treatment such as anaphylaxis. Fainting is not included in this.

Q: Is your child allergic to any ingredients in the vaccination? (Ingredients are listed on the consent form).

A: These are confirmed allergic reactions or undergoing testing for a reaction to any of the ingredients in the vaccine.

Q: Does your child have a diagnosed bleeding disorder confirmed by a medical professional?

A: Confirmed diagnoses from GP/hospital doctor of a condition where the blood does not clot quickly.

Q: Does your child have additional needs that might affect their vaccination?

A: The team are regularly working with children who have additional needs and are happy to provide a level of support, time and encouragement that suits their needs.