

Thursday 6th May, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The HPV immunisations for all Year 8 pupils will be taking place on Monday 17th May at Balcarras.

Please could you read the attached letter and leaflet from the NHS.

Please could you then print, fill in and sign the attached consent form and return it to the school (via email or hard copy) by Wednesday 12th May, 2021. If any parent/guardian would like a paper copy of the consent form, pupils may collect one from the main reception.

Many thanks,

Yours sincerely,



Cheryl Crowley
Medical Administration



Human papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination consent form

The HPV vaccine that protects against several types of cancer is being offered to your child at school. To get the best protection, two doses are required. The second injection will be usually offered six to 12 months after the first. The school will let you know when the second dose will be given. The leaflet 'Your guide to the HPV vaccination' sent with this form includes more information about the vaccine. Please discuss this with your son or daughter, then complete this consent form and return it to the school before the vaccination is due. Information about the vaccinations will be put on your child's health records. If you have any questions, please contact the school immunisation nurse.

Child's full name (first name and surname):	Date of birth:
Home address:	Daytime contact telephone number for parent/carer:
Email:	Ethnicity:
School:	Year group/class:
GP name and address:	Gender (circle as appropriate): Male Female

Consent or Decline for two HPV vaccinations
Please **COMPLETE** fully and **SIGN** one of the consent boxes below
(Must be completed by Parent or Legal Guardian only)

CONSENT: I want my child to receive the full course of two HPV Vaccinations

Child's Name:

Signature:
Must be signed by Parent or Legal Guardian

Date:

Name and relationship to young person (PRINT)

DECLINE: I do not want my child to have the HPV vaccine

Child's Name:

Signature:
Must be signed by Parent or Legal Guardian

Date:

Name and relationship to young person (PRINT)

Please COMPLETE the health questions overleaf



with you, for you



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Human Papillomavirus Vaccination (HPV) – (Gardasil 2 doses). It is important for your child to receive 2 injections. The second injection will be offered 6 to 12 months after the first; although it can be given up to 24 months after.

Any side effects following the HPV vaccination should be reported to the Immunisation Team on 0300 421 8140

	YES (Please Give Details)	NO
Does your child have any medical problems?		
Does your child have any severe allergies?		
Is your child taking regular medication?		
Has your child had a previous, Rubella, Mumps and Measles (MMR) Injection? Dates can be found in your red book.	Date of MMR 1 Date of MMR 2	
Has your child ever had a reaction to previous vaccinations?		
Has your child received the HPV vaccination previously?		

Thank you for completing this form. Please return it to the school as soon as possible.

..... To Be Completed with the Immunisation Nurse only

Pupil Consent: The immunisation checklist has been discussed with me and I consent to the Immunisation			
HPV 1	Pupils Signature and Date:	HPV 2	Pupils Signature and Date:

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Date & Time of HPV vaccination	Site of injection (please circle)	Batch number/ expiry date	Immuniser (please print)	Where administered (school, college, GP etc)
First	L arm R arm			
Second	L arm R arm			



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HPV Vaccination
Protecting against HPV infection to help reduce your risk of cancer

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is available to all young people in Year 8 and Year 9, who have not commenced the course previously.

Your child's Human Papillomavirus Vaccination (HPV) is now due. It is important that you consent or decline the vaccination via the paper consent form provided with this letter. A failure to do this will result in further contact from the Immunisation Team to ensure that you have received the offer of vaccination.

This is a school based programme and can only be accessed via your child's school session or via our community clinics. If you wish to attend with your child, please book a community clinic appointment by contacting the team on 0300 421 8140. If this is the case please submit a consent form declining the offer for the school based session and we will request that you complete a new consent form when attending the community clinic.

The HPV vaccines has been offered to all girls in school year 8 for over ten years. From September 2019 the HPV programme was extended to include Year 8 boys. This is because the evidence is clear that the HPV vaccine helps protect both boys and girls from HPV related cancers.

To get the best protection, it is important that your child receives **TWO Injections** over the next 6 -12 months. By having this vaccination, your child will be protected against the commonest cause of cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital areas for many years to come.

Please note if the consent form is not returned your child will not be able to have the vaccine. Please contact your child's school, or the Immunisation Team on 0300 421 8140 for the date planned for your school.

For more information about the HPV vaccine please see the Immunisation Team website at:

<https://ghc.nhs.uk/our-teams-and-services/immunisation/>

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For further information relating to consent, please see the online leaflet "Consent – What you have a right to expect" available at;

[http://www.nhs.uk/nhsengland/aboutnhservices/documents/consent %20a%20guideforparents%204117353.pdf](http://www.nhs.uk/nhsengland/aboutnhservices/documents/consent%20a%20guideforparents%204117353.pdf)

The leaflet "HPV vaccination" that accompanies this letter informs you and your child about the HPV vaccine.

We hope that the information provided addresses any concerns you or your child might have about the vaccination. If you would like more detailed information and links to other useful websites about the HPV vaccination, please visit;

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine.aspx>

Information about the vaccinations will be added to your child's health records, including records at their GP surgery and held by the NHS.

Please return the consent form either accepting or declining the HPV vaccination to your child's school immediately.

Yours Faithfully



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HPV

vaccination

Protecting against HPV infection to help reduce your risk of cancer



The universal HPV

immunisation programme

The HPV vaccine has been offered to all girls in school year 8 for over ten years. Since September 2019 the vaccine has also been offered to year 8 boys.

This is because the evidence is clear that the HPV vaccine helps protect both boys and girls from HPV-related cancers.

The HPV vaccine helps protect you from being infected by the human papillomavirus (HPV).

This virus increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as:

- cervical cancer
- some mouth and throat cancers
- some cancers of the anus and genital areas.

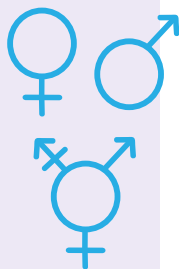
The HPV vaccine does not protect against other sexually transmitted infections.

HPV and how it spreads

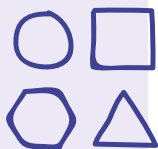
HPV infection is very common. More than 70% of unvaccinated people will get it

70%

HPV lives on the skin in and around the whole genital area, so using condoms does not provide complete protection from HPV



There are **many different types** of HPV



Most HPV infections do not cause any symptoms and **get better on their own**



Some do not clear up and can lead to cancer whilst others cause genital warts



What difference has the HPV vaccine made so far?

Over 80 million people have received the vaccine worldwide.

In time it is expected that the vaccine will save hundreds of lives every year in the UK. A recent Scottish study has already shown a 71% reduction in pre-cancerous cervical disease in young women.

Since the start of the vaccination programme in the UK there has been a big decline in the number of young people with genital warts.

Having the HPV vaccine

The vaccine is given in your arm and you need two doses to be fully protected.

The first injection is given in year 8 and the second one usually 6 to 12 months later. You will be informed when you are due the second dose.

To give you the best protection, the vaccine should be given before you become sexually active.

If you are sexually active you should still have the vaccine.



What if I have not had my first HPV vaccine by the age of 15?

If you have not had any HPV vaccine before you are 15 years old you will need three doses. This is because the response to two doses in older girls and boys is not as good.

The second dose will be given around a month after the first dose, and a final dose is given around six months after the first dose.

If you have missed your vaccine you should speak to the immunisation team or your GP practice about making an appointment as soon as possible.

I missed my vaccination, can I still have it?

Yes. If you missed either of your vaccinations at school, you can have them up to your 25th birthday. Contact your school nurse or GP practice as soon as possible.



Women who have had the vaccine will still need to go for cervical screening

All women aged 25 and over in England are offered cervical screening tests.

The vaccine will prevent around 70% of cervical cancer cases, but screening is still needed to pick up any other cervical abnormalities.

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What about the other cancers?

There are currently no screening programmes for other HPV-related cancers. If you are worried about any symptoms speak to your GP practice.

For more information about the side effect of the vaccine or to see the patient information leaflet for the vaccine, visit www.nhs.uk/hpv



Remember



to get your two doses of HPV vaccine at least 6 months apart



to get your HPV vaccine now, to protect yourself against a number of cancers in the future



in time it is expected that the vaccine will save hundreds of lives every year in the UK.

For more information, visit www.nhs.uk/hpv

A complete list of ingredients for the vaccine is given in the: Patient Information Leaflet (PIL):

www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/19033

The Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC):

www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/19016/SPC/gardasil/



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