

Dear Parent /Guardian,

The School Nursing Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school on **25/04/2023** to administer the **second dose** of the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine. **There is no need to fill in a new consent form for this.**

The vaccine helps protect a person from being infected by the Human Papillomavirus. This virus increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the genital area. The HPV vaccine does not protect against other sexually transmitted infections.

The vaccine will be offered to all pupils in year 9, 10 and 11 who have received their first vaccination.

You must inform us on the contact details below if any of the following apply:

- If your child has received their second dose of the HPV vaccine at the GP practice or another health setting.
- If your child has received their first vaccination at the GP practice or another health setting and you would like your child to receive the second dose in school as we will need to obtain your consent for this.

If your child has not had the first dose of the HPV vaccine and you would now like them to receive the vaccine, you should have already received an invite to complete an electronic consent. You can access information on the virus and the immunisation programme at <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/vaccination-information1/hpv/#about>

The vaccine used in the national HPV (human papillomavirus) programme has changed from Gardasil to Gardasil 9. Gardasil 9 protects against more strains of the HPV virus, and therefore offers greater protection against cancers caused by HPV. It has been used extensively in other countries since it was first licensed in 2015 and it has a good safety record. If your child received Gardasil for their first dose, they are now being offered Gardasil 9 for their second dose. We will continue to use the consent for vaccination you have provided for both doses of HPV vaccine. A complete list of ingredients and possible side effects for the Gardasil 9 vaccine is available at www.medicines.org.uk/emc/search?q=gardasil

If you have any questions or need to contact us via the details below.

Regards

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