

Meningitis ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination

Meningitis ACWY 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). These diseases are very serious and can be fatal in some cases, especially if not diagnosed early.

Your child was due to receive their Meningitis ACWY vaccine and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio booster this year at school. Due to the Coronavirus and school closures, our normal school sessions have been cancelled. Despite COVID-19, the NHS and Public Health England (PHE) are still emphasizing the importance of children receiving their usual routine vaccines. These diseases have not gone away despite school closures, so it is important that children receive these vaccines when they are due.

Vaccination UK may now be providing this vaccine in community clinic settings instead of the usual school setting. You will find information about where and when these clinics are being held in your area attached to this letter, along with an electronic consent form. In some areas, we continue to use school premises to hold these sessions.

These clinics will be run on an appointment basis to ensure that we strictly limit numbers at any one time, and social distancing is observed. Please note, your child's temperature will be taken on arrival and if they have a fever, they will be sent home and a new appointment will be made. Staff will be wearing PPE to protect pupils as much as possible and hand sanitiser will be available and should be used upon arrival.

We would ask that you complete the electronic consent form and click on the 'SUBMIT FORM' link at the bottom. This will automatically send it to your local school immunisation team. **We will then be in contact to give you an appointment.** Printed names will be accepted as a signature on the electronic consent form.

The consent form and this information is also available on our website: www.schoolvaccination.uk

We would ask that if your child cannot attend the appointment that you provide us with 24 hours' notice so that someone else can have the appointment.

Please find attached some frequently asked questions (FAQs) about these vaccines. In addition, information about these vaccines can be obtained using the following link:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/men-acwy-vaccine.aspx>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-booster-questions-answers/>

We hope that this information addresses any concerns you or your child might have about the vaccination and you will feel confident that having the Meningitis ACWY vaccine will help to protect your child against a very serious illness.

If you need further information you can also contact us by phone or email – please ensure you contact the team in the area that your child's school is in:

- **Redbridge :** 0203 432 6484 or Redbridge@vaccinationuk.co.uk

Please complete the attached electronic consent form (one for each child) and return it to the team **within 1 week** so your child can be given the vaccine in a timely way to protect them.

PLANNED DATES FOR IMMUNISATION:

Beal High School – Tuesday 25th August 2020

A NURSE FROM THE IMMUNISATION TEAM WILL BE IN TOUCH TO OFFER YOU AN APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND.

It is important to complete and return the form even if the recommended vaccination is refused.

To improve our service, we would be grateful if you would tell us your reason for refusal. Should you change your mind later, please feel free to contact us. The person who has parental responsibility must sign the consent form*

Information about the vaccination will be put on your child's health records, including records at their GP surgery. Please turn over for information on how we handle your child's data.

Yours Sincerely,

Redbridge School Immunisation Team

**The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:*

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

Additional Information about the vaccines:

Are there any side effects?

It is common to get some swelling, redness or tenderness where you have the injection. Sometimes a small painless lump develops, but this usually disappears in a few weeks. More serious effects are rare but include fever, headache, dizziness, feeling slightly sick. If you feel unwell after the immunisation, take paracetamol or ibuprofen. Read the instructions on the bottle or packet carefully and take the correct dose for your age. If your temperature persists, speak to your GP or call the free NHS helpline: 111

For more information go to:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/624733/Immunisations_for_young_people_2016.pdf

Package Information (Meningitis ACWY)

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.4118.pdf>

Package Information (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio)

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.5581.pdf>

Vaccination UK Privacy Notice 2018/19:

Who is collecting the data?

Vaccination UK is collecting information about your child to ensure that we have up to date health information about their health at the time that you are consenting for them to receive an immunisation. Their demographic information is used to ensure that we identify their electronic health record accurately.

What data is being collected?

We ask for basic demographic data to allow us to identify them and their health record. The information about their health is utilised by the nurses to ensure that they can confirm that the immunisation is suitable for them.

What is the legal basis for processing the data?

Section 9 (2)(h) of the Data Protection Act 2018 allows for processing of your child's data for the provision of direct healthcare and the management of healthcare systems.

Will the data be shared with any third parties?

Your child's data will be shared with their General Practice (GP) and with the child health information system (CHIS) which holds immunisation and screening information for all children in the UK.

How will the information be used?

We collect data on consent forms to allow us to identify a person's health record if you have consented to their immunisation and to allow the nurses to make decisions about their care based on the most up to date information about their current health.

How long will the data be stored for?

The information will be stored on their electronic health record after their vaccination; this information will be then be available throughout their lifetime. Their paper records will be destroyed once they have been scanned on to their record.

What rights does the data subject have?

Data subjects have the right to request a copy of any data we request or record about them.



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How can you contact us with queries or concerns about this privacy notice?

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the information that we hold about your child or have a question regarding this notice, please contact:

Our Data Protection Officer: James Hart, at: j.hart@vaccinationuk.co.uk