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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for boys and girls – Year 9**

The HPV vaccine that protects against several types of cancer is usually given in school in Year 8. The programme changed to a one-dose programme in September 2023 and therefore if your child has already received the HPV vaccine they do not need another dose, unless they are immunosuppressed or HIV positive. If your child has not yet received the HPV vaccine we are offering another opportunity to receive this in Year 9 at school.

The HPV vaccine helps protect your child against 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

The leaflet <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hpv-vaccine-vaccination-guide-leaflet> includes more information about the vaccine.

It is important for you to discuss and complete the consent form with your child. If your child has not received the HPV vaccine you should complete the consent form as soon as possible, even if you don't want your child to receive the vaccination. Please be aware that if we do not receive a consent informing us of your wishes, each young person may be assessed on an individual basis and invited to self consent for the vaccination providing they can demonstrate an understanding of the vaccination due. This is in line with the Gillick Competency Framework.

**Please complete the consent form below if your child has not previously received the HPV vaccine:**

**<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/hpv/2023/consent>**

Please note the consent link will close two working days before the school session.

Information about the vaccinations will be put on your child's health records. If you would like more information please visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations) . If you have any questions, please contact the Immunisation Team at [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) or 0300 1245515

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**QR Code link to consent HPV consent form**



**MMR vaccination reminder:** if your child has not received two doses of the MMR vaccine, please contact your GP or School Immunisation Team to make an appointment to receive these