



April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Vaccination Online Consent Form – Year 9 Pupils Only

During the summer term, the School Nursing Service will be visiting your child's school to offer the following vaccinations:

- The teenage booster (DTP) which protects against 3 separate diseases: diphtheria, tetanus and polio.
- The Men ACWY vaccine which protects against 4 strains of the meningococcal bacteria – A, C, W and Y – which cause meningitis and possible blood poisoning (septicaemia).

For more information visit [Vaccinations - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) or [Home | Vaccine Knowledge Project \(ox.ac.uk\)](http://ox.ac.uk)

To consent to your child receiving the vaccinations, complete the online consent form by clicking on the link below:

https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/DTP_MenACWY23

PLEASE COMPLETE BY WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL.

However, we will accept forms which have been completed after this date.

If your child misses the vaccination on the day, please be assured that the service offers several catch ups in school until the end of the academic year.

If you have any queries, please email the service on school.Immunisations@nelincs.gov.uk or phone **01472 323660**.

The School Nursing Service are contractually responsible for the delivery of this programme, therefore please do not direct any concerns to school – come direct to the service so we can help you.

Yours sincerely

School Nurse Immunisation Team

Please tell us if you need us to communicate with you in a different format, for example if you find it hard to read our letters or if you need someone to support you at appointments.

Vaccination Information

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio Booster (DTP)

Diphtheria

What is Diphtheria? A highly contagious and potentially fatal infection that can affect the nose and throat and sometimes the skin.

Complications of diphtheria: Swollen neck, breathing difficulties, choking, death.

How is it spread? Coughing, Sneezing and close contact with an infected person or by sharing items with an infected person.

Possible Side effects of the vaccine: Pain and swelling around the injection site, Nausea, Dizziness, Fever, Headache.

Tetanus

What is Tetanus? An infection of the nervous system that is always serious and often fatal.

Complications of Tetanus: Difficulties in breathing and swallowing, lockjaw, rigid neck muscles, painful muscle spasms often causing tearing of the muscles and fractures of the spine, death.

How is it spread? Through bacteria in (most commonly) soil, entering a wound, burn, animal bite or a piercing.

Possible Side effects of the vaccine: Pain and swelling around the injection site, Nausea, Dizziness, Fever, Headache.

Polio

What is Polio? A viral infection that affects the gut and the nervous system.

Complications of Polio: Stiffness of neck and back, meningitis, temporary or permanent paralysis, death.

How is it spread? Person to person through faeces, coughing and sneezing.

Side effects of the vaccine: Pain and swelling around the injection site, Nausea, Dizziness, Fever, Headache.

For further information visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations or [Vaccine Knowledge | \(ox.ac.uk\)](http://Vaccine Knowledge | (ox.ac.uk))

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Meningococcal Strains A, C, W and Y (Men ACWY)

What is Meningitis?

An infection of the protective membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord.

Complications of Meningitis:

Loss of sight and/or hearing, amputation of limbs, epilepsy, learning difficulties, arthritis, kidney problems, problems with memory, concentration, co-ordination and balance, death.

How is it spread?

A, C, W and Y types are bacterial infections spread through coughing, sneezing, kissing, shared utensils, cutlery and toothbrushes.

Possible Side effects of the vaccine:

- Pain and swelling around injection site
- Fever
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Loss of appetite

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