

Immunisation Service (0-19)

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Parent / Carer Year 9 / 10 Student

The Victory Academy

Dear Parent/Carer

6th 7th & 10th May 2021 - Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) and Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) Vaccinations in school

All students in year 9 and year 10 are eligible to receive the MenACWY and Td/IPV vaccinations.

Please complete the online consent form at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms clearly marking whether you consent or decline consent before **02/5/2021**

Year 10 Parents: Please note if your child wasn't vaccinated in school last year due to lockdown and subsequent school closure, the consent you previously completed will have expired. Please can you re-consent using the link above. We will be unable to vaccinate your child without a new consent

To access the consent form you will need to enter your child's school unique reference number (URN) which is below

School URN: 136108

If your child has since received either of these vaccinations at a GP or other healthcare setting, please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our records **by emailing kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net**.

Chairman John Goulston Chief Executive Paul Bentley

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We will be visiting your child's school on the above date to deliver the vaccinations - **please note in the event that secondary schools are closed beyond the 8th March the vaccinations will move to an appointment only basis, held at the school – further communication will be sent a few days before the planned session if this happens.**

MenACWY 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 sepsis (blood poisoning) and can kill. Cases of meningococcal W disease ("MenW") in England have increased significantly in recent years.

Tetanus is a painful disease affecting the nervous system which can lead to muscle spasms, cause breathing problems and can kill. It is caused when germs in soil and manure get into the body through open cuts and wounds, it cannot be passed from person to person.

Diphtheria is a serious disease that usually begins with a sore throat and can quickly lead to breathing problems. It can damage the heart and nervous system, it can kill.

Polio is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause permanent paralysis of the muscles. If it affects the chest muscles or the brain, it can kill.

Please note we will continue to invite your child to be vaccinated unless we hear from you, this may mean that one of our team calls you to obtain verbal consent over the phone. Please ensure that your contact information on the consent form is up to date and always ensure you notify your GP of any changes to your address and phone number.

A young person can consent to having an immunisation if our team believes they are able to do so. For more information about consent please go to: www.nhs.uk/chq/pages/900.aspx

If you need more information, would like paper copies of the information leaflets or would like to speak with a member of the team, please email: kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net or phone: 0300 123 5205.

For more information about the vaccinations please go to: [Immunisations for young people - your questions answered \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444444/immunisations-for-young-people-your-questions-answered.pdf)

Kind regards



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