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School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS)

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Dear Parent / Carer of Year 9 student

**24/04/2023 – The Towers School**
**Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) & Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio (Td/IPV) Vaccinations**

We will be visiting your child's school on the above date(s) to deliver the vaccinations.
All students in **Year 9** are now eligible to receive the MenACWY and Td/IPV vaccinations.

**Please discuss this immunisation with your child and complete the online form before midnight on 14/04/2023 to tell us if your child is getting the vaccine or not at:**
**https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms**

Young people can consent to their own health care if they are assessed as competent to do so.
For further information on young people's right to consent please click here

If your child misses the vaccination on the day, you can book a catch-up appointment at one of our community clinics via our website.

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.

**How can we help you?**
We can provide communication support or information in different formats. Tell us as soon as possible, or ask someone to tell us on your behalf, if you need any support, including the following:
· An interpreter, a British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter, or information in another language
· Information in large print, Braille, Easy Read (using pictures) or audio.

You can find our privacy policy on our website which details how we keep your personal information secure.

Kind regards
School Aged Immunisation Service, Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

**Any questions?** Contact us via kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net, call 0300 123 5205, text 07401320923 or visit www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms for a live webchat.

**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.