

Meningitis ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination

Your child was due to receive their Meningitis ACWY vaccine and Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio vaccine 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 really important that children receive these vaccines when they are due.

Vaccination UK are now providing these vaccines in school clinic settings. You will find information about where and when the clinic will be held in your school attached to this letter.

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, temperatures will be taken on arrival and if the pupil has a fever, they will be sent home. Staff will be wearing PPE in order to protect children as much as possible and hand sanitiser will be available and should be used upon arrival.

The immunisation team will be in contact to give you an appointment.

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

Date of school clinic:

Eastbrook School – Tuesday 21st July 2020

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

Vaccine information:

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. Teenagers are at higher risk of infection because many of them mix closely with others, and some of them can carry the meningococcal bacteria at the back of their nose and throat without knowing it.

If you would like more details, please visit

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/men-acwy-vaccine.aspx> where you can find information about the disease and the vaccine.

If this is **NOT** your child's 5th dose of diphtheria, tetanus and polio vaccine, they will need to have one or more follow up doses to complete the course to ensure that they have full immunity. Please arrange to have this with your child's GP *4 weeks after the dose they receive in clinic*.

If you need further information you can also contact us by phone or email

- **Barking and Dagenham:** 0203 432 1464 or BarkingandDagenham@vaccinationuk.co.uk

Yours Sincerely,

Barking and Dagenham School Immunisation Team.

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

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 2020:

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.

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