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Dear Parent or Carer

**PROTECT AGAINST CANCER – Have the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)**

We are writing to inform you about the HPV Vaccination, which is being offered to your son/daughter during the school academic year (1<sup>st</sup> September 2019– 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020), but due to COVID 19, this will be offered outside of school. We are offering catch up immunisation clinics for young people who have missed their vaccinations in school over the next two months.

**To arrange a clinic appointment please contact the immunisation Team on 01895 485 740 for July 2020 and for August 2020 please phone 0203 317 5076.**

**A consent form can be completed when you attend your clinic appointment on the day.**

The HPV Vaccination Programme is being offered to all Year 8 girls/boys (12-13 years old) from September 2019. Previously the programme was offered to girls only. This has resulted in tens of thousands of girls around the UK being safely vaccinated against the disease since 2008.

The HPV vaccination should protect your **daughter** against becoming infected with Human Papilloma Virus strain 16 & 18 that causes over 70% of cervical cancer and Human Papilloma Virus strain 6 & 11 that cause around 90% of genital warts.

The HPV vaccine should also protect your **son** from HPV related diseases – such as oral, throat and anogenital cancers - this will also help to reduce the overall number of cervical cancers in girls, through a process known as herd immunity.

The HPV vaccination is a two-dose course, first dose followed by the second dose 6-12 months later.

Further information can be found at [www.nhs.uk/hpv](http://www.nhs.uk/hpv). We hope that the information contained addresses any questions you or your son/daughter might have about the vaccination and that you

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will feel confident that by having the HPV vaccine they will be protecting themselves and others from a very serious disease later in life.

Once your son/daughter has received a vaccine a copy of their consent form will be sent directly to their GP Practice for their medical records to be updated.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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