

Your Growing Healthy Team are here for all children and young people, providing support, encouraging healthy lifestyles and protecting those who are most vulnerable.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our team will be visiting your daughter's school in the next few weeks to deliver the HPV immunisation to Year 8 girls. **This is an opt-in programme.** If you would like your daughter to receive the vaccine and have not yet completed a **valid online consent form**, please follow the **link below** to access the form and view the **school code list**. Please note that you will need to enter the 5 digit code that corresponds to your daughter's school.

www.hdft.nhs.uk/immsconsent

Why is this vaccine being offered?

The vaccination to protect against cervical cancer and additional cancers that can be caused by HPV is being offered to your daughter in school in Year 8. By having this vaccination, your daughter will be protected against the most common cause of cervical cancer. There are **two vaccinations** to be given. **The first vaccination will be given in the spring term of 2019** and the **second vaccination** in the **spring term of 2020**. Early vaccination gives us the opportunity to help prevent the spread of a very serious disease that affects over 3,000 women every year in the UK and causes over 1,000 deaths.

We hope that the information provided addresses any concerns you or your daughter might have about the vaccination. By having the HPV vaccine she will be protecting herself and others from a very serious disease later in life. It is important that this letter is shared with your daughter.

Where can I find out more?

For **more information** regarding the HPV vaccination please visit this website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine

If you have any questions regarding this programme, or you believe your child's vaccination status is not up to date (including MMR), **please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team** by ringing **01423 542360** or emailing childhood.immunisations@hdft.nhs.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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