

Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Programme 2020

June 2020

A reminder to all parents,

The first dose of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be given to the year 8 students on Monday 15th June. If a student is away that day we hope to offer catch up clinics at school at a later date but you will be contacted if this is unable to be provided.

Only students whose parent or caregiver has consented in writing will be given the vaccine at school.

Parents or caregivers can accompany their child on the day of vaccination, if they wish. Please ask the office what time the nurses will be at your school.

On the day of vaccination, please ensure your child has breakfast, and wears a loose-sleeved top, if possible.

Side effects of the vaccine are uncommon, and the students should be able to participate in normal physical activities a few hours after the vaccination.

All students are eligible for free HPV vaccine through their GP practice until their 26th Birthday. For those aged 9 to 14 years, HPV vaccine is provided as two doses in the upper arm spaced at least six months apart. This age group develops a stronger immune response than those vaccinated when they are older, which is why it is recommended for both boys and girls at age 11 to 12. Those aged 15 and older will need three doses. The immunisation is expected to provide long-lasting protection.

Should you have any questions about the programme, please phone:

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