

Date: 25th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Outstanding HPV Immunisations Years 10-13**

The NHS Immunisation Team will be attending Westfield Academy on Wednesday 8 February 2023 to administer HPV immunisations to students in Years 10-13, who have not previously been vaccinated.

The HPV vaccination helps protect boys and girls from HPV-related cancers. This virus increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital areas.

In line with the National Immunisation Programme, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust's School Aged Immunisation Service offers the HPV vaccination to all eligible boys and girls in year 8. Your child will require two injections, with the second injection given a minimum of six months after the first. In order to get the best protection, it is essential your child receives both vaccinations.

If you have received this email, the Immunisation Team has identified that you have a child in Year 10-13, who missed their HPV vaccination in Year 8.

Please complete and return the attached consent form to indicate if you would like to accept/decline your child receiving this vaccination. Alternatively, you can call the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 555 5055. The consent form will only be accepted if completed correctly and returned to either Ms Hickey or via Student Services. All identified students are expected to return a completed consent form.

If you do not wish for your child to receive this immunisation, please complete the form and decline your consent. This will update the Immunisation Team, your child's medical record and ensure the smooth running of the session.

Students are strongly encouraged to wear a short sleeved shirt for their vaccination and you may wish to administer your child with a single dose of paracetamol prior to attending. It is also important that they are well hydrated and have a good breakfast before receiving their immunisation.

School staff are unable to accept/decline consent or answer questions about the vaccinations. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 555 5055.

Yours sincerely

Ms E Hickey  
**Welfare Officer**  
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