

Dear Parent / Carer

28/02/23 & 01/03/23 - Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination at The Malling School

We are inviting your child to be vaccinated against Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). The HPV vaccine helps protect boys and girls against certain cancers which can be caused by the HPV infection. These include:

- Some mouth and throat cancers.
- Cervical cancer.
- Cancers of the penis and genital area
...as well as genital warts.

The HPV vaccination is a two-dose course. Dose one is given in year 8 and dose two when your child goes into year 9. To get the best protection, your child needs both vaccines.

Please discuss this immunisation with your child and complete the online form at:
<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms> before midnight on **20/02/23** to tell us if your child is getting the vaccine or not.

Young people can consent to their own health care if they are assessed as competent to do so. For further information on young people's right to consent please click [here](#)

If your child misses the vaccination on the day, you can book a catch-up appointment at one of our community clinics via our website.

For more information, please check out [HPV Wise](#) - a resource library to support parents and young people to make informed decisions about HPV vaccine.

How can we help you?

We can provide communication support or information in different formats. Tell us as soon as possible, or ask someone to tell us on your behalf, if you need any support, including the following:

- An interpreter, a British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter, or information in another language
- Information in large print, Braille, Easy Read (using pictures) or audio.

You can find our privacy policy on our website which details how we keep your personal information secure.

Kind regards

School-Age Immunisation Service
Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

Any questions? Contact us via kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net, call 0300 123 5205, text 07401320923 or visit www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms for a live webchat.