

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,

### **Protecting Your Children Against Meningitis and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio**

Your child is being offered two vaccines in Year 9. These are the MenACWY vaccine, which helps to protect against **Meningitis** and **Septicaemia**, and the DTP booster which helps to protect against **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio**.

#### ***How do I give my consent?***

1. Go to [www.hdft.nhs.uk/schoolvaccinations](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/schoolvaccinations)
2. Enter the School Code and click "**Find School**" - (school code can be found at the end of this letter)
3. **Complete the form** with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information\*.
4. Click the **green "Submit" button**.

\*Once submitted, if you provide a valid email address, you will receive an automatic confirmation email. We will also email you to let you know that your child has been immunised. If your child has specific medical requirements, one of our nurses may need to get in touch before we are due to carry out the immunisations. We routinely share your child's vaccination information with their registered GP surgery.



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## **The deadline for online consents is** **2 February 2022**

### ***Why is the Meningitis vaccine being offered?***

The **MenACWY vaccination** helps to protect your child against four types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). These diseases are very serious.

### ***Why is the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccine being offered?***

The **3-in-1 DTP booster vaccine** helps protect your child against three severe diseases; **diphtheria, tetanus and polio**.

**Diphtheria** is a serious disease that can damage the heart and nervous system.

**Tetanus** is a painful disease affecting the nervous system which can lead to muscle spasms and breathing problems.

**Polio** is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause permanent paralysis of muscles.

### ***Where can I find out more?***

We hope that the information provided addresses any concerns you or your child might have about these vaccinations. By having these vaccines your child will be protecting themselves and others from very serious diseases. It is important that this letter is shared with your child.

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

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine)

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

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster)

For more information about **our service** please visit:

[www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/imms-cdurham-darlington-teesside/](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/imms-cdurham-darlington-teesside/)

If you have any questions regarding this programme, or you believe your child's vaccination status is not up to date **please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team** by emailing [hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net) or calling us on 0300 003 2554.

Yours sincerely,

**Childhood Immunisation Team for Durham, Darlington & Teesside**

<u>School</u>	<u>School Code/URN</u>
Barnard Castle School	114336
Bishop Barrington School	114301
King James 1 Academy	136770
Parkside Academey	137903
St John's RC Academy	137702
Staindrop Academy	144991
Teesdale School	144496
Wolsingham School	114297
Belmont Community School	114308
Durham Community Business College (DCBC)	114311
Durham High School For Girls	114330
Durham Johnston Comprehensive School	114312
Durham School	114331
Framwellgate School	137696
Parkview School	136971
St Leonard's Catholic School	143583
The Choristor School	114335
The Hermitage Academy	136683
The Independent Grammer School Durham	144804
Consett Academy	137638
North Durham Academy	136745
St Bede's RC School - <b>Lanchester</b>	138172
Tanfield School Specialist College of Science & Engineering	114293
Dene Community School	114313
Easington Academy	138075
Seaham High School	114286
St Bede's RC School - <b>Peterlee</b>	114327
The Academy at Shotton Hall	136451
Wellfield School	114315
Climb Project	114147
Croft Community	114340
Delta Independent School	142474
Durham Trinity School & Sports College	114349
Elermore Hall School	114337
Endeavour Academy Durham	141109
Ferryhill Business & Enterprise College	145253
Greenfield Community College	114305
Highcroft	136748
Hopewood Academy	138718
North East Centre for Autism (NECA)	139329
PACC Aykley Heads	114347
Sedgefield Community College	114317
The Grange Learning Centre	135834
The Meadows School	131905
The Oaks	134662

UTC South Durham	142894
Villa Real	114345
Walworth	114341
Whitworth Park Academy	145564
Windlestone	114347
Woodham Academy	138717
The Woodlands	113992