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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Protecting against HPV (human papillomavirus vaccine) infection and reducing the risk of cancer. HPV is now offered to all 12 to 13 year old boys and girls in school year 8**

We are writing to tell you about the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine which has been offered to all girls in school year 8 for over ten years. From September 2019 the vaccine has also be offered to year 8 boys. This is because the evidence is clear that the HPV vaccine helps protect both boys and girls from HPV-related cancers.

The vaccine is given as two separate vaccinations given a year apart, the first in year 8 and the second in year 9. For further information about the HPV vaccination please visit -

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine.aspx>

The vaccination may be given in your child's school or in a community setting by experienced immunisation nurses, following all the latest Public Health guidance regarding PPE.

For this vaccination to take place we require a consent form for your child to be completed, this consent form will be valid for your child to receive both doses of the HPV vaccine. To complete a consent form for your child please follow the below link to do this online – <https://saint.sompar.nhs.uk/hpv/2020/east>

If your child has already received their vaccinations via another route then please inform us so that we can update our database. If you would not like your child to receive the HPV vaccine please complete a form to indicate this so that we can update your child's records to reflect this choice.

Yours sincerely

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