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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Protecting against HPV (human papillomavirus vaccine) infection and reducing the risk of cancer. This year we will be offering the HPV Vaccination to all students in school years 8, 9**

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 been 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 at least 6 months apart. For further information about the HPV vaccination please visit -

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

**Year 8 Information**

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. The first dose will be administered in year 8 and the second in year 9. To complete a consent form for your child please follow the below link.

**Year 9 Information**

This academic year we are using a new e consent service therefore if you have previously completed a consent form for your child to receive their HPV vaccinations you will need to complete another consent form using the link below for them to receive any outstanding doses.

If your child has not yet received their 1<sup>st</sup> HPV vaccination. This can still be accessed at school please complete a consent form by using the below link.

For further information please visit <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine.aspx>

## **Information for all**

### **HPV Consent form link**

Please complete the consent form (one for each child, please) using the following link <https://www.somersetssaint.co.uk/Forms/HPV> enter your schools (Selwood Academy) unique code **SM137741** **this link will close at midday on the working day before the team is due to visit so please complete this as soon as possible as the team will be unable to take any consents after this point.** If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason, please contact Somerset SAINT for assistance.

**Please complete the consent form even if you do not consent to the vaccination so that we can record this on your child's health records.**

The consent form can only be completed by someone with parental responsibility, if you have any queries about whether or not you hold parental responsibility and are therefore able to complete the consent form please contact the immunisation team by email at [SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk](mailto:SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk).

There is an expectation that the immunisation team will only visit your child's school once during this programme, however there may be an opportunity for the team to revisit schools if there any capacity. There will be community based catch up sessions during school holidays for those who have missed their vaccinations.

If your child has already received their HPV vaccinations via another route, then please inform us so that we can update our database.

Yours sincerely

Somerset SAINT