



Ilford County High School

JK/JB

20th September 2021

Dear Year 8 Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to inform you that the Government and the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) recommend that the Human Papilloma Virus vaccine be given to people aged 12–13. The vaccine works best if it is given before exposure to HPV – that is, before sexual activity commences. The HPV vaccine will protect your son against the HPV types that cause some cancers of the penis, anus, head, neck and throat, and the strains that cause 90% of genital warts.

The HPV vaccination is most effective when given at a younger age. Having the vaccine now means he will be less likely to develop HPV-related cancers or genital warts in the future. In addition, research shows that younger people create more antibodies, when given the vaccine than when in their late teens. This means they are better protected if they are exposed. Your son is starting his HPV vaccinations in Year 8; 2 doses of the vaccine will be given at least 6 months apart to HPV in the future.

The dates of the vaccinations are as follows:

- **First Dose – 1st October 2021**
- **Second Dose – 29th April 2022**

It's important that your child has the full course of vaccines, on different dates, to be sure that the vaccine produces enough antibodies to give him the best possible protection against HPV. If they don't have all their doses they may not be as well protected against cancer and genital warts as they could be.

Tomorrow 21st September 2021 all the students in each house will receive an information pack and parental permission slip that needs to be fully completed and returned **signed by the parent**. This will need to be returned to your son's form tutor by Monday 27th September 2021. Your son will not be immunised if parental permission is not given. When you receive the pack please read the booklet carefully as this provides all the relevant information that you need to know.

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Ilford County High School facilitates the process, but its staff cannot answer direct questions about the immunisations. If you have any further questions that are not answered in the booklet provided, please contact Vaccination UK about the specific nature of the process itself. The vaccination process will be carried out with CoVid Guidelines in place.

Vaccination UK

321-323 High Road
Chadwell Heath
RM6 6AX
Telephone: 0203 432 6484

If you still have concerns, then speak to your GP.

Please return the appropriate documentation that your son will have been given and return to the School office by the deadline set.

Kind regards,

Mr Kelly
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