Dear Parents/Carers,

The School Aged Immunisation Service offers the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to young people aged 12 – 13 years. The HPV vaccination has 2 doses:

- 1st dose is given when the young person is 12 – 13 years old (School Year 8)
- 2nd dose is delivered around 12 months later when the young person is 13 – 14 years old (School Year 9).

The vaccination sessions take place in schools during the school day but there are also community clinic sessions available after school and on selected weekends.

The first dose of HPV vaccine is now being offered to all 12- and 13-year-old pupils.

The link below is for the HPV leaflet which will provide you with further information about the virus and the vaccination:
http://bit.ly/3B2GSK5
The universal HPV immunisation programme (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Further information can also be found on https://www.nhs.uk/hpv

We use an online E-Consent from InHealthcare for all our immunisation programmes. To record your consent for the HPV vaccine or to opt your child out please use the link below or QR code. You will need your child's school code: **141875**

https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-portsmouth-hpv

If this does not open, please copy and paste the hyperlink above into your internet browser address bar.

Please check Junk Mail folders as emails from the consent system may end up here.

Please also complete the online form if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine.

ONLY COMPLETE ONE FORM PER CHILD. If you are unsure that you have completed a form, please check your emails for communication from InHealthcare or contact the School Age Immunisation Service.

If at any time you wish to change your consent, you will be required to contact our service to inform us and inform your child's school before the date of the school session. Please ensure that your child is aware that consent has changed.

The vaccination session in your child's school is on **12 May 2023**. The consent form must be completed by **9 May 2023** for your child to have the vaccine at the school session.

If this date has passed you can still complete the consent form and you will have the option to book into one of our community clinics. If your child is absent or is unable to have the vaccine on the day you will receive an email to book an alternative appointment.

If you have any questions or if you are unable to complete the online E-consent form, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service:

Email: snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-ports@nhs.net
Telephone: 0300 123 5074

With best wishes,
School Aged Immunisation Service

For more information, please visit our website: School Aged Immunisation Team | Solent

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a LEA code?
A: Local Education Authority code identifies the school.

Q: Has your child received any doses of the HPV vaccine elsewhere?
A: Occasionally the GP may give this vaccination or they may have had it at a previous school.

Q: Has your child ever had a severe reaction to previous immunisations?
A: This is a reaction that required hospital or emergency treatment such as anaphylaxis. Fainting is not included in this.

Q: Is your child allergic to any ingredients in the vaccination? (Ingredients are listed on the consent form).
A: These are confirmed allergic reactions or undergoing testing for a reaction to any of the ingredients in the vaccine.

Q: Does your child have a diagnosed bleeding disorder confirmed by a medical professional?
A: Confirmed diagnoses from GP/hospital doctor of a condition where the blood does not clot quickly.

Q: Does your child have additional needs that might affect their vaccination?
A: The team are regularly working with children who have additional needs and are happy to provide a level of support, time and encouragement that suits their needs.