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Dear Parent/Guardian

Helping to protect against Tetanus, diphtheria and polio and Meningitis ACWY. Vaccines are being offered to all children in year 9, those born between: 1st September 2004 and 31st August 2005

The Td/IPV vaccine.

Also known as the 3-in-1: Boosts your child's protection against three separate diseases: **Tetanus** (T), **diphtheria** (d) and **Polio** (IPV–inactivated Polio Vaccine). A total of five doses in a lifetime are needed to build up and keep immunity and ensure adequate protection. These are given as follows:

- The first three doses as a baby.
- The fourth dose when they were between three and five years old, before they started school.
- The fifth dose is due now.

The Men ACWY vaccine

Men ACWY 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 and can kill, especially if not diagnosed early.

The Td/IPV and Men ACWY are given at the same time; this will be two injections – one in each upper arm

With this letter is a consent form. It is important that you fully complete and return the form back to school within 7 days, even if:

- **Your child has already had these vaccinations (e.g. for travel)**
- **You do not want your child to have one or either of the vaccinations.**

Parental Responsibility

Consent must be given by someone who has parental responsibility (PR) for the child. PR is not automatically granted for the care of a child e.g a step parent. PR is held by the birth mother, a father who is named on the birth certificate or mothers and/or fathers who had jointly adopted a child. If you are a legal guardian or a foster carer for a child, you should have either a special guardianship order (SGO) or the local authority will hold a full/interim care order (FCO/ICO).

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In the case of a consent form not being returned, young people under the age of 16 years may give consent if assessed competent to do so.

For further information on both vaccines please see the enclosed information booklet, or visit the website below and see section 13-18 years
www.nhs.uk/vaccinations

The patient information leaflet for the Td/IPV vaccine called Revaxis can be found at:
<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/PIL.17378.latest.pdf>

The patient information leaflet for the Men ACWY vaccine called Nimenrix can be found at:
<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/PIL.26513.latest.pdf>

Sharing Personal Information (Our responsibilities to you and your child under the general Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018)

We will keep your child's information confidential and only use it to support them getting the best healthcare that they can. With your consent or someone with PR your child's vaccination details will be shared with their GP and the Child Information system (CHIS). CHIS is an electronic active clinical care record for all children.

All information we receive will be treated confidentially, it will be stored in line with GDPR and Data Protection regulations and only be used for the purpose in which it is intended.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the vaccination team on the details found at the top of this letter or you can visit our website: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk and search Our Services/Immunisation Service. The website shows information about when the team are visiting schools and also provides information on our community clinics.

You can also get advice from your school nurse, practice nurse or your GP.

Yours faithfully

Immunisations and Vaccination Team
Sent on behalf of Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust

Measles

In 2017/18 the west midlands has seen an increase across all age groups in this highly infectious viral illness that can be very unpleasant and sometimes lead to serious complications. Please note, all young children/young people up to 18 years of age should have received 2 doses of the MMR vaccination (normally given by 5 years of age). It is important for you to contact your GP if they have not received these 2 doses as they can still receive the vaccination. (the immunisation team are unfortunately unable to offer the MMR Vaccination).