

Dear Parent/Carer,

HPV (Human Papillomavirus) causes around 9,000 cancers each year in the UK, most of which can be prevented by having the HPV vaccine. HPV is responsible globally for 5% of all cancers.

Why should your child have the HPV vaccination?

- The vaccine protects against some types of cancer caused by the HPV viruses, such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and cancer of the anus and genital areas.
- The vaccine protects against different types of HPV. Two of these types cause 70% of cervical cancers and are present in 60% of head and neck cancers.
- The vaccine is more effective in preventing cancers associated with HPV if given at a younger age which is why it is offered to people aged 12-13.
- The HPV vaccine has been shown to prevent hundreds of deaths from cervical cancer every year. It is expected that more deaths will be prevented as boys receive the vaccine in addition to girls.

Your child only needs ONE dose of HPV vaccine to be protected. The vaccine is FREE on the NHS. Please complete the online consent within 1 week to ensure that your child can receive the vaccine when our team are in the school.

Please complete the form by following this link:

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv/2023/towerhamlets>

It is important to complete the consent even if you do not want your child to have it. If you choose not to complete the consent, this does NOT mean that you have refused the vaccine.

To refuse the vaccine, please complete the online consent and choose the option 'I do not consent'.

Please note: young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff. More information about the vaccine can be found on our website: <https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv-vaccine> and on the next page. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child and share this information with them, prior to us visiting the school. If you would like to discuss the vaccine with a nurse, or if you need help to complete the online consent, please contact the immunisation team in your child's school area.

Kind Regards,



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