

Trust Headquarters

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your Year 8 child's HPV- Human Papilloma Virus vaccine is now due.

This is now a one dose vaccine. If you would like further information, please visit-Information on the HPV vaccination from September 2023 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

or a leaflet can be collected via the school.

Please discuss this vaccine with your child and use the link provided to access the electronic consent form https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/hpv/2024/bexley

Please complete one consent form only for each child to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

Please complete the consent form even if you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child this year. Completion of the consent form is not mandatory if you do not want your child to be vaccinated. However, as providers of the school age vaccinations, NHSE requires that we provide numbers of parents that do not consent to their child being vaccinated.

Therefore, we will only use this information to provide numbers of parents declining consent, no other details will be shared. If consent forms are not completed, you may be contacted by phone or text. If you have returned a no consent, we will not make any further contact this year. Please see our privacy notice if you require further details-Patient records:: Hounslow & Richmond Community Healthcare (hrch.nhs.uk)

In the absence of a signed consent form from parents, we will invite the young person to self-consent for the above vaccinations providing they can demonstrate understanding of the vaccinations due. Ultimately, the decision to consent is the young person's choice, providing they understand the issues involved in self-consent. This is in line with the Gillick Guideline Competence.

If you have any queries, please contact the relevant immunisation team below.

Bexley Schools - <u>HRCH.ImmunisationTeamBexleyMailbox@nhs.net</u> Call: 0203 903 3380

Yours sincerely,

Immunisation Team Bexley