

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware your child is due their Year 9 Immunisations in school (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio and Meningitis ACWY). Given the ongoing social distancing measures and the delayed nature in which pupils will return to school we have been directed by NHS England to implement plans to vaccinate this cohort of pupils as planned unless we are unable to do so. This is based on our assessment of ongoing risk and in consultation with Health Protection and we consider the risk of vaccine preventable disease outweighs the challenges presented by COVID-19 and social distancing.

Therefore, this session will still be going ahead in school. As you have previously completed a consent form for your child, we are now able to offer an appointment for them to attend for their vaccinations.

**Appointment time:** TBC  
**Venue:** Outwood Academy Normanby  
**Entrance:** Please enter via the Sports Hall Entrance at the front of the building and NOT the Main Reception  
**Date:** Friday 5 February 2021  
**Time:** TBC

Appointment slots will be staggered so there are a minimum amount of people on site at any time to ensure social distancing measures are maintained. All venues have been risk assessed to ensure they are compliant with infection control and government guidelines.

#### **Appointment Instructions**

- If you have any queries, please contact us on 03000 032554 or [hdf.t.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:hdf.t.immunisationteam@nhs.net)
- **Please respond to this email to decline the appointment offer**
- If you would like to attend but the appointment is not suitable then please call us on 03000 032554 and we will try to give you an alternative appointment, however please note we have limited flexibility
- If you do not feel comfortable attending the appointment that is fine, just let us know
- If your child does not get their vaccination on this occasion they will receive these in school in the next academic year
- For ease of access to the vaccination sites, as one will be given in each arm; could we please ask that your child wear a short sleeved shirt or top on this day.

#### **Attending the appointment**

- **If you or a member of your household are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus or have tested positive then please do not attend your appointment and let us know on 03000 032554**
- On the day of your appointment please ensure that only one adult attends with your child.
- **We will be using the school hall to deliver these vaccinations**
- Please attend your allotted appointment time promptly.

Yours faithfully

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