

December 2023

To parents of children attending Uxbridge High School

Dear Parent or Guardian

**2023-24 Td/IPV & MenACWY (Teenage Booster)**

Your child will be offered a Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio Booster and Meningitis ACWY vaccination.

The teenage booster, also known as the 3-in-1 or the Td/IPV vaccine, is given to boost protection against 3 separate diseases: tetanus, diphtheria and polio. It's a single injection given into the muscle of the upper arm. The 3-in-1 teenage booster is free on the NHS for all young people aged 14, as part of the national immunisation programme. It's routinely given at secondary school (in school year 9) at the same time as the MenACWY vaccine. The MenACWY vaccine is also routinely offered to teenagers in school Years 9 and protects against serious infections like meningitis. Meningococcal disease (meningitis and septicaemia) is a rare but life-threatening disease caused by meningococcal bacteria. Anyone who is eligible for the MenACWY vaccine should have it, even if they have previously had the MenC vaccine.

We believe your child should be vaccinated and we are now inviting parents/guardians to register your consent for the above vaccinations. The School Health Service are now using an electronic method of communication which is a faster, more efficient and a safer way to deliver your child's health information. We have developed a secure online link that parents/guardians can use to register consent for the vaccination. The process is quick and easy to use.

**STEP 1:** Please either register for an account if this is your first time using the Thomson parent portal or login if you have already created an account.

**STEP 2:** Once you login you can read the information on the Td/IPV & MenACWY (Teenage Booster) vaccination programme and indicate your consent.

**Please click on the link to access the eConsent**

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/CNWLLon/pr/CNWLi2324/136768>

**Please see the information below about consent – this is very important**

**1.** It is vital that the consent form is completed as soon as possible. Do ensure that you have your child's NHS number when completing the online form. Make sure to click '**Submit**' button to submit the questionnaire. Once submitted, the status will update on the 'Submissions' screen and you will receive an email confirmation.

**2.** The consent form allows you to refuse this vaccine for your child. If you are thinking about this step, please talk to you GP or ask to speak to your child's school nurse first. It is very important that you take this opportunity to protect your child against this very serious disease.

**3.** Changed your mind and you need to amend your submitted consent form? Please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team. **Do not submit another consent form.**

Contact the Immunisation team if you require any further assistance.

A record of your child's vaccination will be automatically emailed to the address on the consent form after 5pm on the day of the session. Please also check spam/junk folders as the email may be filtered to there.

We look forward to receiving your child's e-forms. Please remember to return the consent e-form even if you DO NOT consent for the vaccinations for your child, explaining the reason for your decision. This will help us in the development of the vaccination programme in the future.

Yours sincerely

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