



## Immunisations

Our school nursing team provide the annual Nasal Flu vaccinations in Reception, Years 1-3, the immunisation for Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) in years 8 and 9 and the Men ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio immunisations in year 9.

### **Nasal Flu:**

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications, including bronchitis and pneumonia.

The flu vaccine for children is given as a single dose of nasal spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free (a big advantage for children), the nasal spray works even better than the injected flu vaccine with fewer side effects.

It's quick and painless and will mean your child is less likely to become ill if they come into contact with the flu virus.

### **Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)**

The HPV vaccine: Gardasil is intended to protect against diseases caused by Human Papillomavirus (HPV) types 6, 11, 16, and 18. These diseases include pre-cancerous lesions of the female genitals (cervix, vulva, and vagina). Gardasil is intended to prevent these diseases. The vaccine is not used to treat HPV related diseases.

This immunisation is given to all year 8 girls in schools and to those that are educated at home.

If you have a daughter in year 8 she will receive a consent form from her school. It is important you complete and return the form as soon as possible.

If you have a daughter in year 8 or above who has not started the HPV immunisation programme and you would like her to receive the HPV vaccine please complete and sign the vaccination consent form and return it to your school nurse.

### **Men ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio Booster**

The Men ACWY vaccine prevents against four different meningococcal strains including the highly virulent W strain. The 3-in-1 immunisation boosts your immunity to Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio giving you long lasting protection.

Meningitis ACWY and Diphtheria Tetanus and Polio booster is given to pupils in Year 9. Please complete and sign the vaccination consent form and return it to your School Nurse.

If you have any questions about any of these immunisations, please contact your School Nurse or family doctor.

For more information: [NHS Choices](#)