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Dear Parent / Carer

School based Vaccination Programme

Human Papilloma Virus Vaccination (HPV) is usually offered to children in Yr 8 approx. age 12-13. During recent years we have widened the programme to now include boys and girls, through the extension of the programme it has already started to strengthen the protection offered to young people of Salford and will continue to prevent more cases of HPV related cancers in the future.

The 0-19 Immunisations team alongside the School Nurses are working in partnership with your child's school to deliver this first high school age vaccinations. This vaccination is not routinely offered at GP practices. All Immunisations are extremely important and this is to ensure that your child is protected later in life, The HPV vaccination is a **ONE DOSE course** of injections and will be offered to your child, in school by nurses.

The School Nurses are now using an electronic platform for consenting and information delivery, which is a faster, more efficient and a safer way to deliver your child's health information back to the team.

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. If this is your first time registering, you will receive an email to confirm your account and set a password.

STEP 2: Once you login you can read the information on this year's HPV vaccination campaign and submit the form so that you can receive your electronic results letters. You will have the opportunity to opt out of the vaccination program, if you do not complete a form telling us YES or NO, we will not be able to vaccinate and protect your child.

The electronic consent form allows you to refuse the **ONE DOSE course** of HPV vaccine for your child however, if you are thinking of taking this step please talk to your GP or ask to speak to your school nurse first, it is very important that you take this opportunity to protect your child against this very serious disease.

It is vital the consent form is completed as soon as possible, or on receiving this link, as we will be visiting your child's school during this term.

If you have any problems with the above consent form link, please contact School screener parent support line on 020 3958 4181 or email parentsupport@schoolscreeener.com

Please click the link below.

<https://app.schoolscreeener.com/Portal/#/Salford/g/SiHPV2425>

All health-related information is kept confidential however, in some instances this may be shared on a need-to-know basis with other services including the school, to enable better support for your child in school. The School Nurse's will contact you to discuss the need to share other health-related information where relevant.

Should you have any questions about the School Age Immunisation Programme please contact us via the email address above and we will endeavour to respond to you within 48 hours.

Yours sincerely

Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team