

Your Growing Healthy Team are here for all children and young people, providing support, encouraging healthy lifestyles and protecting those who are most vulnerable.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Protecting Your Children Against Meningitis and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio

Your child is being offered two vaccines in Year 9. These are the MenACWY vaccine, which helps to protect against **Meningitis** and **Septicaemia**, and the DTP booster which helps to protect against **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio**.

How do I give my consent?

1. Go to www.hdf.t.nhs.uk/schoolvaccinations
2. Enter the School Code and click "**Find School**" - (school code can be found at the end of this letter)
3. **Complete the form** with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the green "**Submit**" button.

*Once submitted, if you provide a valid email address, you will receive an automatic confirmation email. We will also email you to let you know that your child has been immunised. If your child has specific medical requirements, one of our nurses may need to get in touch before we are due to carry out the immunisations. We routinely share your child's vaccination information with their registered GP surgery.



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The deadline for online consents is **Monday 17th January 2022**

Why is the Meningitis vaccine being offered?

The **MenACWY vaccination** helps to protect your child against four types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). These diseases are very serious.

Why is the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccine being offered?

The **3-in-1 DTP booster vaccine** helps protect your child against three severe diseases; **diphtheria, tetanus and polio**.

Diphtheria is a serious disease that can damage the heart and nervous system.

Tetanus is a painful disease affecting the nervous system which can lead to muscle spasms and breathing problems.

Polio is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause permanent paralysis of muscles.

Where can I find out more?

We hope that the information provided addresses any concerns you or your child might have about these vaccinations. By having these vaccines your child will be protecting themselves and others from very serious diseases. It is important that this letter is shared with your child.

For more information regarding the **MenACWY** vaccination please visit this website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine

For more information regarding the **DTP booster** vaccination please visit this website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster

For more information about **our service** please visit:

www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/imms-cdurham-darlington-teesside/

If you have any questions regarding this programme, or you believe your child's vaccination status is not up to date **please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team** by emailing hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net or calling us on 0300 003 2554.

Yours sincerely,

Childhood Immunisation Team for Durham, Darlington & Teesside

School	School Code/URN
Acklam Grange School	145774
Archway PRU	111520
Beverley School	111773
Discovery Special Academy	145877
Hollis Academy	143519
Keys Tees Valley College (7KS)	136259
Macmillan Academy	130908
Outwood Academy Acklam	139823
Outwood Academy Ormesby	138711
Outwood Academy Riverside	147848
Priory Woods School	131425
The Kings Academy	134223
Trinity Catholic College	142382
Unity City Academy	133768