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Dear Headteacher and Vaccination Lead,

Adolescent Vaccination Programme

I am writing to share important information about this year's adolescent vaccination programme and to introduce a range of resources developed by the Wolverhampton Public Health Team and Vaccination UK. These materials are designed to support you in maximising vaccine uptake in your school and in helping young people understand how vaccination provides long-lasting protection into adulthood. Please take a moment to read this alongside the [UK Health Security Agency's adolescent vaccination programme briefing for secondary schools](#).

Once again, pupils will be offered their adolescent vaccinations by the School Age Immunisation Service, Vaccination UK. It is extremely important that all schools engage with Vaccination UK and facilitate on-site clinics during the winter and spring terms. The three vaccines being offered to young people, as part of a long-standing programme to protect them from serious and preventable diseases, are:

- the 3-in-1 teenage booster, given in school year 9 which protects against tetanus, diphtheria and polio
- the Men ACWY vaccine, given in school year 9 which helps protect against meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y, which can cause meningitis and septicaemia
- the HPV vaccine, given in school year 8 which helps protect against cancers caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV)

Important information about this year's adolescent vaccination programme:

- The 3-in-1 teenage booster and the Men ACWY vaccine will be delivered in schools from February 2026. Parents/carers will receive a link to an electronic consent form, which must be completed no later than 5 days before the clinic. The consent form is available via this link: <https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/dtp/2025/wolverhampton>
- The HPV vaccination will begin in March 2026. Parents/carers will again receive an electronic consent link, which must be completed no later than 5 days before the clinic.
- Parents/carers can also provide verbal consent by contacting Vaccination UK on 01902 200077
- The local NHS, Local Authority Public Health, and Education Teams encourage all schools to support Vaccination UK nurses in speaking with children where parental/carer consent has not yet been provided. The purpose of this conversation is to attempt to gain verbal consent via a phone call. Calls may be made using the pupil's own mobile phone, where appropriate, or facilitated by Vaccination UK using phones available during the session.
- Please be assured that vaccinations will only be given with parental consent, or, for secondary-age pupils, where a young person is assessed as Gillick competent, in line with NHS guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>

Adolescent Vaccination Resources

Engagement in NHS vaccination programmes is recognised by Ofsted as important, providing opportunities to discuss vaccinations as part of health education, which has been compulsory in primary and secondary schools since September 2020.

The Wolverhampton Public Health Team, in partnership with Vaccination UK, has developed a range of resources to support schools in promoting vaccination uptake. The [Bug Busters](#) website includes a wide variety of useful materials, such as a school-age immunisation best practice guide, teaching

resources, template promotional materials for school websites, and text message templates for parents/carers.

The School Age Immunisation Best Practice Guide

- Provides all the information schools need to ensure clinics run smoothly and achieve maximum uptake with minimal disruption.
- Contains important information on timeframes leading up to onsite vaccination and on the consent process.

Linking School Age Vaccinations with RSHE Health Education Delivery

- A guide to age appropriate teaching resources available from e-Bug which is a curriculum supplement series (Key Stage 1, 2, 3 and 4) that complies with the new statutory guidance for RSE (Relationships Education, RSE & Health Education, September 2020) which is available from www.e-bug.eu

Template Promotional Materials

- A template adolescent vaccination **article** to be included on your school website.
- Template **text message** and **social media communications** for your office staff / vaccination coordinator to use with parents to promote vaccination and to support the return of consent forms.

Contacts and further information

If you have any questions about the adolescent vaccination programme you can contact Vaccination UK via telephone: 01902 200077 or email: wolverhampton@v-uk.co.uk

If you have any questions about the resources or website, you can email flufighters@wolverhampton.gov.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in making this year's adolescent vaccination programme a success.

Yours sincerely,

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