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Dear Parent/Carer,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Vaccination Catch-Up Programme

Public Health England has commissioned the Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust's School Aged Immunisation Service the task of ensuring vaccinations are up to date for every child in the county enrolled in a SEND school or Pupil Referral Unit. Immunisation is a way of protecting against serious infectious diseases.

Our team will be visiting your child's school to administer missing vaccinations outlined in the National Immunisation Programme. If your child's electronic health record shows he/she is missing vaccinations, a nurse will contact you by phone prior to the school session to record whether you would like to accept or decline these vaccinations.

VACCINATION INFORMATION

Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR)
Measles, Mumps and Rubella are highly infectious conditions that can have serious, potentially life-threatening complications, including meningitis, swelling of the brain (encephalitis) and deafness. Rubella is a viral infection, spread through coughs and sneezes, and can be spread from a pregnant woman to her baby in the womb. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are required for protection.

Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)
Meningococcal ACWY vaccination helps protect against four types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the brain) and septicaemia. Cases of meningococcal disease in England have increased significantly in recent years.

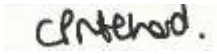
Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio (DTP)
The childhood schedule advises five doses of the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccine for complete protection against these diseases.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) (Girls Years 8 to 13) (Boys Years 8 and 9 ONLY)
HPV infections can be spread by any skin-to- skin contact, and are usually found on the fingers, hands, mouth and genitals. The HPV vaccination protects both boys and girls from some mouth and throat

cancers, protects girls from cervical cancer and protects boys against some cancers of the anus and genital area.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's vaccination history, please do not hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team on **01727 732062** or via email at hct.immsenquiries@nhs.net.

Yours sincerely,



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