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Southwark School Age Immunisation Team

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HPV vaccination

Dear Parent/Guardian.

The HPV vaccine helps protect against cancers caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV), including: the most common cause of cervical cancer, some head and neck cancers and some cancers of the anal and genital areas. It also protects against genital warts. The HPV vaccination is offered to all Boys and Girls.

The HPV vaccination consists of two separate injections given at least 6 months apart. We offer the 1st dose of HPV in Year 8 and the 2nd dose in Year 9.

If your son / daughter is absent on the day of vaccination, we will plan to include him / her in one of our catch-up sessions.

Please discuss the HPV vaccination with your child and complete the consent form link:

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/hpv/2022/southwark>

It is important to note that you are consenting for both HPV doses to be administered.

In the absence of a consent form from parents/carers, we will invite the young person to self-consent for the above vaccinations. Ultimately, the decision to consent or refuse is the young person's choice, providing they clearly understand the issues involved in self-consent. This is in line with the Gillick Competency Guidelines.

Further information and translation are available by visiting the following website: www.nhs.uk/vaccinations where you can also find information on the virus, the disease, and the vaccine, as well as links to other useful websites.

You can also discuss this vaccination with a member of the immunisation team.

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Yours sincerely

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