Dear Parent /Carer

The Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine is available to your child of year 8 age. It is usually offered in school and is not available at GP surgeries. Two doses are given, usually one year apart. As your child is home educated, we can arrange an appointment in a community clinic.

By having this vaccination, your child will be protected against the commonest cancers caused by HPV. The vaccine also offers protection from the 2 types of HPV that cause the majority of genital warts. In order to get the best protection, it is essential that your child receives both vaccinations.

The most common side effects include redness, tenderness or swelling at the injection site, fever, fatigue, nausea, muscle aches or headache. A complete list of the ingredients for the vaccine and information on side effects is given in the Patient Information.

We provide this service to help protect the health of your child as part of our public task as a health service provider. We will update your child's electronic health record and notify your GP of the immunisation.

We may contact you via SMS; if you do not wish to be contacted via text, please let us know.

If you would like your child to have the HPV vaccination course, please contact the School Immunisation Team on: 01473 554247 to arrange an appointment or for further information, or you can email ccs-tr.suffolkimmsteam@nhs.net  Further information can also be found online.

We value your views on our service. Leave your feedback here: here

Yours faithfully

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