Dear Parent/Carer

As a result of a continuing increase in the number of cases of Meningococcal W (MenW) disease over recent years, the MenACWY vaccine is being offered to year 9 students in schools. At the same time young people are being offered their final, routine ‘teenage booster’ of Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio. As your child is home educated, we can arrange an appointment in a community clinic.

Older teenagers and young adults are at risk of getting meningitis and septicaemia from MenW. Meningococcal bacteria can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio are serious diseases that can affect the nervous system, breathing and heart.

The most common mild side effects of the vaccinations 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 information for Men ACWY and Revaxis.

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 vaccinations course, please contact the School Immunisation Team on 01473 554247 to arrange an appointment, or for further information.

You can email our team direct :- ccs-tr.suffolkimmsteam@nhs.net

Further information about: MenACWY and DTP.

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


Yours faithfully

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