



# Hazelwick School

An Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below information from the NHS Immunisation Service, which they have asked us to pass on to you.

Many thanks,

Mr M Chalmers  
Deputy Headteacher

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The Immunisation Service is coming into school on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.

They will be offering Year 8 and Year 9 students, with an existing consent form, dose 1 or dose 2 of the HPV vaccination.

In addition to this, if you have previously submitted an HPV consent form for a student in year **10** or **11**, who has not yet received these vaccinations, they may be offered their outstanding vaccinations during the upcoming HPV session at school. The Immunisation Team will attempt to contact parents of these year 10 and 11 students to see if any of the information previously submitted to us has changed, prior to vaccination.

If you **have not** previously submitted a consent form for the HPV vaccination, but you would like your child to receive this vaccination, please request further information from school.

If you consented for your child to receiving these vaccinations at a different school and they are still outstanding, please contact your local Immunisation team so that they can update your child's consent form.

If a student presents themselves to the Immunisation Team during the school session, and records indicate that they are outstanding any of these vaccinations, the Immunisation Team may offer them the opportunity to consent to these themselves. This would be following an assessment of their competence and understanding of what's involved with the vaccination(s). The Immunisation Team will attempt to contact parents in the first instance.

If your child is scheduled to have the vaccination, it would be helpful if they could wear a short-sleeved shirt on the day as well as ensuring that they eat breakfast that morning.

**Speak to a member of the Immunisation Service by calling your local team on 01273 696011**

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# HPV

## vaccination

Protecting against HPV infection to  
help reduce your risk of cancer



# The universal HPV

## immunisation programme

More than 280 million doses of the HPV vaccine have been given worldwide, including 120 million doses in the US and over 10 million in the UK. The HPV vaccine has been offered to all girls in school year 8 since September 2008. From September 2019 the vaccine has also been offered to year 8 boys.

This is because the evidence is clear that the HPV vaccine helps protect both boys and girls from HPV-related cancers.

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### **The HPV vaccine helps protect you from being infected by the human papillomavirus (HPV).**

This virus increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as:

- cervical cancer
- some mouth and throat cancers
- some cancers of the anus and genital areas

The HPV vaccine does not protect against other sexually transmitted infections.

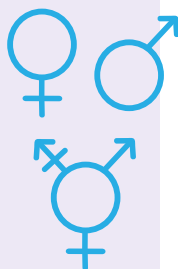
# HPV and how it spreads

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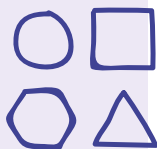
**HPV infection is very common.** More than 70% of unvaccinated people will get it

70%

**HPV lives on the skin in and around the whole genital area**, so using condoms does not provide complete protection from HPV



There are **many different types** of HPV



Most HPV infections do not cause any symptoms and **get better on their own**



**Some do not clear up** and can lead to cancer whilst others cause genital warts



## What difference has the HPV vaccine made so far?

Over 80 million people have received the vaccine worldwide.

In time it is expected that the vaccine will save hundreds of lives every year in the UK. A recent Scottish study has already shown a 71% reduction in pre-cancerous cervical disease in young women.

Ten years since the start of the vaccination programme in the UK there has been a big decline in HPV infections and in the number of young people with genital warts.

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## Having the HPV vaccine

The vaccine is given in your arm and you need 2 doses to be fully protected.

The first injection is given in year 8 and the second one usually 6 to 12 months later. You will be informed when you are due the second dose.



To give you the best protection, the vaccine should be given before you become sexually active.

If you are sexually active you should still have the vaccine.



## The HPV vaccine

**Gardasil** has been the HPV vaccine used in the **NHS vaccination schedule** since 2012.

Sometime during the 2021 to 2022 academic year the HPV vaccine used in the programme will switch to Gardasil 9.

**Gardasil 9** can be given for the first and second dose or to complete a course that was previously started with Gardasil.

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## I missed my vaccination, can I still have it?

Yes. If you missed either of your vaccinations at school, you should try and catch-up as soon as possible. Contact your school nurse, school immunisation team or GP practice to arrange an appointment. You remain eligible to receive the vaccine up until your 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.



# Women who have had the vaccine will still need to go for cervical screening

All women aged 25 and over in England are offered cervical screening tests.

The vaccines will prevent up to 90% of cervical cancer cases, but women should still attend for cervical screening when invited to do so.



## What about the other cancers?

There are currently no screening programmes for other HPV-related cancers. If you are worried about any symptoms speak to your GP practice.



For more information about possible side effects of the vaccine or to see the patient information leaflet for the vaccine, visit [www.nhs.uk/hpv](http://www.nhs.uk/hpv)



# Remember



**to get your 2 doses of HPV vaccine at least 6 months apart**



**to get your HPV vaccine now, to protect yourself against a number of cancers in the future**



**in time it is expected that the vaccine will save hundreds of lives every year in the UK**

**For more information,  
visit [www.nhs.uk/hpv](http://www.nhs.uk/hpv)**

A complete list of ingredients for the Gardasil vaccine is given in the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL):

[www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/19033](http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/19033)

A complete list of ingredients for the Gardasil 9 vaccine is given in the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL): [www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/7330/pil](http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/7330/pil)

The Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC): [www.medicines.org.uk/emc/search?q=gardasil](http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/search?q=gardasil)



This leaflet has been produced by the UK Health Security Agency.  
**Immunisation, helping to protect everyone at every age.**

## HOW TO CONSENT FOR YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE HPV (HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS) VACCINATION

To consent for both doses of the HPV vaccination, use this link:

[www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV](http://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV)

Or

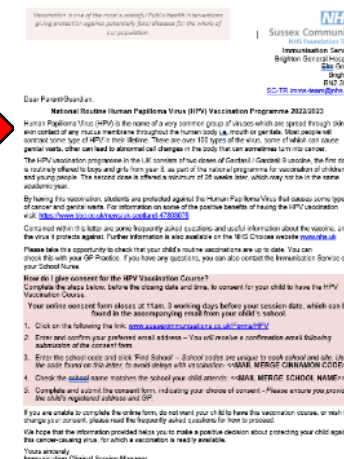
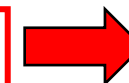
Scan the QR code to go straight to the HPV vaccination consent form:



## THE FIRST SCREEN WILL LOOK LIKE THIS.

It will tell you at the top of the screen which consent form you have opened.

Make sure this vaccination name matches the one at the top of your parent consent letter.



Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination Consent Form

Sussex Community **NHS**  
NHS Foundation Trust

Registration

Please enter your email address and the code provided by your school. Then press 'Find School'. It is important that you enter the correct email address as future correspondence will be emailed to you about your child's vaccination.

After you have finished, if you change your mind or need to tell us about changes to your child's medical history, do not complete another consent form. Please visit [www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Contact](http://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Contact) to contact the immunisation team and tell us about any changes.

Email address

Confirm email address

School code

Find School

School name

Next

You can read our fair processing policy here: [www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/contact-us/patient-records.htm](http://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/contact-us/patient-records.htm)



## Registration

After you have finished, if you change your mind or need to tell us about changes to your child's medical history, do not complete another consent form

Email address

**Confirm email address**

School code

SX123789

Find School

**School name**

School is now closed. Please contact the immunisation team.

Next

Enter your email address into both these boxes.

Enter your school code – this is on your parent consent letter in the coloured box.

Check the school name in the grey box matches the school name on your parent consent letter – this is in the coloured box.

### Is the school name correct?

If **yes**, click next.

If **no**, recheck the code on the parent letter (make sure any 0's are entered as a number not a letter).

For assistance call one of the numbers on the bottom of the parent letter.

Vaccination is one of the most successful Public Health interventions giving protection against potentially fatal diseases for the whole of a population.

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Immunisation Service  
Brighton General Hospital  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**National Routine Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination Programme 2022/2023**

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is the name of a very common group of viruses which are spread through skin contact of any mucous membrane throughout the human body (i.e. mouth or genitalia). Most people will contract some type of HPV in their lifetime. There are over 100 types of the virus, some of which can cause genital warts, other can lead to abnormal cell changes in the body that can sometimes turn into cancer.

The iNVP vaccination programme in the UK consists of two doses of Gardasil / Gardasil 9 vaccine, the first dose is routinely offered to boys and girls from year 8, as part of the national programme for vaccination of children and young people. The second dose is offered a minimum of 26 weeks later, which may not be in the same academic year.

By having this vaccination, students are protected against the Human Papilloma Virus that causes some types of cancer and genital warts. For information on some of the positive benefits of having the HPV vaccination visit: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthypeople/docs/47808075>

Contained within this folder are some frequently asked questions and useful information about the vaccine, and the virus it protects against. Further information is also available on the NHS Choices website [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

Please take the opportunity to check that your child's routine vaccinations are up to date. You can check this with your GP Practice. If you have any questions, you can also contact the Immunisation Service at your School Nurse.

Your online consent form closes at 11am, 3 working days before your session date, which can be found in the accompanying email from your child's school.

- Click on the following link: [www.southwestcentral.org/ask/parent/af](http://www.southwestcentral.org/ask/parent/af)
- Enter and confirm your preferred email address – You will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.
- Enter the school code and click "Find School" – School codes are unique to each school and are listed on the school board's list; enter it, avoid delays with misspelling. <NAME, MERIDIAN CAMPION CODE>
- Check the school name matches the school your child attends <NAME, MERIDIAN SCHOOL NAME>
- Complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent. Please ensure you provide

We hope that the information provided helps you to make a positive decision about protecting your child against this cancer-causing virus, for which a vaccination is readily available.

Yours sincerely  
Immigration Clinical Service Manager

Speak to a member of the Immigration Service by calling your local team on 01273 896011

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**THE NEXT SCREEN LOOKS LIKE THIS.**

**IT HAS BOXES TO WRITE YOUR CHILDS NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND GP SURGERY.**

You need to write your childs first name and last name in these boxes.

Do you call your child something different at home? i.e is their name Christopher, but you call them Chris? **If yes**, write the name in this box. Leave it blank if not.

Don't worry if you don't know your childs NHS number, you can leave this box blank.

Click on the drop-down arrows, circled here in red, to help you complete the other boxes.

Tell us your child's address by writing the postcode in this box. Click the 'find your address' button

Select your child's address from the drop-down list

Click 'Next' to go to the next screen once you have completed the boxes.

The screenshot shows the 'Student Details' form with the following fields and annotations:

- Child first name**: Text input field with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Child last name**: Text input field with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Child known by**: Text input field with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Sex**: Dropdown menu with a red circle around the arrow.
- Date of birth**: Date picker with red circles around the year, month, and day dropdown arrows.
- NHS Number (if known)**: Text input field with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Year group**: Dropdown menu with a red circle around the arrow.
- Parent telephone 1**: Text input field with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Parent Telephone 2**: Text input field with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Ethnicity**: Dropdown menu with a red circle around the arrow.
- Home Address**: Section containing a text input for the postcode, a 'Find your Address' button, and a dropdown list of addresses. Red arrows point to the postcode box and the 'Find your Address' button.
- Country**: Text input field.
- Town**: Text input field.
- Next**: Blue button at the bottom left with a red arrow pointing to it.



**THE NEXT SCREEN LOOKS LIKE THIS** (for flu, this will be after the screen on the next page)  
**IT ASKS QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S MEDICAL HISTORY.**

This information is important. If you are unsure, please check with your GP or red book.

Click in the circle next to your answer for each question.

If you answer 'Yes' to any of the questions, this box will pop up...

You need to give more information in this box. i.e. Write the name and details of your child's medical condition.

Medical History

Does the child named on this form have any severe allergies?

☐ No
☐ Yes

Does the child named on this form have any existing medical conditions?

☐ No
☒ Yes

If Yes, please give us more information:

Does the child named on this form take any regular medication? (excluding contraceptive medication)

☐ No
☐ Yes

Has the child named on this form received two doses of the MMR vaccine since the age of one?

☐ No
☐ Yes

Is there anything else you think we should know about your child?

☐ No
☐ Yes

Next

Click 'Next' to go to the next screen once you have completed the boxes.



**THIS IS THE LAST SCREEN** (for flu it is the second to last screen).  
**THE FIRST QUESTION ASKS YOU IF YOU CONSENT FOR VACCINATION.**

Click in the circle next to your answer.

If you select 'No' this box will appear

Use the drop-down list to pick a reason.

Click in the circle next to your answer.

**Consent**

I consent to the child named on this form to receive the full HPV vaccination course:

☐ Yes

☐ No

If No, please give us more information:

Please choose

Please choose

My child has had these vaccinations

I do not feel that the vaccine(s) is necessary

Due to a previous allergic reaction to the vaccine(s)

Other

the vaccinations above. To the best of my knowledge the child named on this form has not already had the vaccinations above, for their age. I

Full Name (Parent/guardian with parental responsibility)

Write your name in this box.

Relationship to child

Please choose...

Use the drop-down list to tell us who you are. i.e. Mother.

I consent to the child named on this form Digital Health (e.g. GP) Record being available to be viewed by SCFT staff involved in their care.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Submit

Click 'Submit' to send us your completed form.



**WHEN YOU CLICK THE GREEN SUBMIT BUTTOM THIS PAGE WILL APPEAR.  
YOU WILL ALSO GET AN EMAIL TELLING YOU A CONSENT FORM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED  
FOR YOUR CHILD.**



Thankyou. The consent form was submitted.

If you change your mind or need to tell us about changes to your child's medical history, do not complete another consent form.  
Please visit [www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Contact](http://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Contact) to contact the immunisation team and tell us about any changes.



**If you need additional support, please call us:**

**01273 696011**

**EXT.**

**Brighton – 3789  
Chichester – 8100  
Crawley – 2043  
Heathfield – 2080  
Uckfield - 4887  
Worthing – 8533**

For more information about vaccinations please visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations)





Vaccination is one of the most successful Public Health interventions giving protection against potentially fatal diseases for the whole of our population.



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The HPV vaccination programme in the UK consists of two doses of Gardasil 9 vaccine, the first dose is routinely offered to boys and girls from year 8, as part of the national programme for vaccination of children and young people. The second dose is offered a minimum of 26 weeks later, which may not be in the same academic year.

By having this vaccination, students are protected against the Human Papilloma Virus that causes some types of cancer and genital warts. For information on some of the positive benefits of having the HPV vaccination visit: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-47803975>

Contained within this letter are some frequently asked questions and useful information about the vaccine, and the virus it protects against. Further information is also available on the NHS Choices website [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

Please take this opportunity to check that your child's routine vaccinations are up to date. You can check this with your GP Practice. If you have any questions, you can also contact the Immunisation Service or your School Nurse.

#### **How do I give consent for the HPV Vaccination Course?**

Complete the steps below, before the closing date and time, to consent for your child to have the HPV Vaccination Course.

**Your online consent form closes at 11am, 3 working days before your session date, which can be found in the accompanying email from your child's school.**

1. Click on the following link or scan the QR code above: [www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV](http://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV)
2. Enter and confirm your preferred email address – *You will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.*
3. Enter the school code and click 'Find School' – *School codes are unique to each school and site. Use the code found on this letter, to avoid delays with vaccination: **SX137263***
4. Check the school name matches the school your child attends: **Hazelwick Academy**
5. Complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent - *Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP.*

If you are unable to complete the online form, do not want your child to have this vaccination course, or wish to change your consent, please read the frequently asked questions for how to proceed.

We hope that the information provided helps you to make a positive decision about protecting your child against this cancer-causing virus, for which a vaccination is readily available.

Yours sincerely

**Immunisation Clinical Service Manager**

**Speak to a member of the Immunisation Service by calling your local team on 01273 696011**

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**What do I do if I cannot complete the online consent form?** Contact your local team in the Immunisation Service on the number provided and complete a verbal consent with them **before the closing date and time**.

**What do I do if I missed the cut off date and the form is closed?** The online form will re-open, 1 working day after the school session date. You will then be able to complete a consent form and book into a catch-up clinic online, by following the instructions in the automated email you will receive upon submission of a positive consent form. If you are unable to use the online booking system, please contact your local team on the number provided.

**Can I use the same school code for both my children?** The school code is unique to each individual school name and site. Therefore, if you have more than one child, but they do not attend the exact same school site please do not submit the consent form using the same code. You will receive a letter from their school, containing the school code which is unique to them. Please note these letters may not be sent to you at the same time, this is dependent on the school vaccination session date.

**What do I do if I do not want my child to have this vaccination course?** If you do not want your child to have these vaccinations, please complete the online consent form indicating this. However, if your child approaches us requesting these vaccinations where you have indicated you do not consent, we would endeavour to have a conversation with you to discuss their options. Legally children under the age of 16 can consent to their own treatment if they demonstrate the competence and understanding to fully appreciate what's involved in their treatment.

**What do I do if I have changed my mind after completing an online consent form?** You must contact the Immunisation Service to change your consent and inform your child's school, by putting this in writing; prior to the vaccination session date.

**How will I know when my child has been vaccinated?** You will receive an email, sent to the email address provided when completing the online form, advising you of the vaccination outcome. If your child was not vaccinated, following submission of a positive consent form, your email will advise of the reason for this and contain details of how to book into a catch up clinic.

**What vaccines are being offered and why?** The Gardasil 9 vaccine protects against HPV which can cause most cervical cancers (more than 70% in the UK), some anal and genital cancers, and some cancers of the head and neck. The vaccine also protects against genital warts. The vaccine does not protect against all of the other cancer-causing types of HPV, so it's vital that women still go for routine cervical screening tests when they are older.

For the Patient Information Leaflet and further information, please visit:

**Gardasil 9:** [Gardasil 9 suspension for injection - Patient Information Leaflet \(PIL\) - \(emc\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](#)

**Why is the vaccine given at 12 or 13 years of age?** HPV is spread by someone having sex or being sexually intimate with another who has the virus. Whilst most young people don't start having sex until they are 16 or over, it has been shown the vaccine provides the best protection if given at 12 – 13 years of age as the immune response is better. It is still important to have the vaccine even if a young person is sexually active as it can provide protection against any of the HPV types in the vaccine they have not been exposed to.

**Can older students be vaccinated too?** Catch up is available for students in years 9 to 13 who have not started or completed the course of vaccinations, by prior arrangement, with the Immunisation Service. However, it is not available on the NHS for males born before 01/09/2006.

**How many doses of the vaccine does my child need?** The HPV vaccination programme in the UK consists of two doses of Gardasil 9 vaccine. However, children and young people who are living with HIV or immunosuppression at the time the first dose is offered, should receive three doses of the vaccine.

**What does consenting to SCFT staff to be able to view my child's Digital Health Record mean?** It enables any SCFT Children's Services staff, who provide care for your child, to see information which has been shared out from the GP and other health organisations records if they use compatible systems. We cannot view other organisations records without consent, except in exceptional circumstances. Access to your child's health record helps our services to make safe clinical decisions on the most appropriate treatment and care.

For further information see: <https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/contact-us/patient-records.htm>

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

**On the day of vaccination** - Wear clothes that would allow the nurses to access the top of the arm, such as a short sleeved shirt/T shirt. They should have breakfast as usual and ensure that they have plenty to drink throughout the day.

**What to expect afterwards** - Following vaccination the young person may experience fever, aches, headache, nausea or tiredness. This is an expected immune response which can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen (never aspirin for under-16s); always follow the directions on the packet. It's common to get some swelling, redness or tenderness at the injection site. Sometimes a small painless lump develops, but this usually disappears in a few weeks. Any other side effects are unusual. If you're worried about any reaction you can call the NHS 111 service. Please inform us or your GP if your child has any side effects other than those listed above following vaccination.

**Vaccine Safety** - The vaccine has undergone rigorous safety testing before being licensed for use in the UK. It is a well-established vaccine with a known safety profile, and like all other vaccines, unwanted reactions are constantly monitored.