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## Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child is now due their **Meningococcal ACWY vaccination** and their **Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Polio (Teenage 3 in 1 Booster)** vaccination. These vaccines are offered to all students in Year 9 and will be given in school. These are part of the childhood immunisation programme.

## Why get your child vaccinated?

- **Meningococcal ACWY** protects your son/daughter against four types of meningococcal bacteria (Types A, C, W and Y) that cause meningitis (inflammation of the brain lining) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). We strongly urge you to take this opportunity to protect your son/daughter against these four infections which, as you will be aware, can kill or have serious life-long consequences.
- The 3 in 1 booster protects your son/daughter against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Polio, all of which can be very serious diseases. This is a booster for the vaccinations your son/daughter received as a baby, and then again at approximately 3-4 years (the preschool booster).

How do you let us know you want your child to have the vaccinations?

Please fill in one online consent form for each child here ...

https://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP

The code for Outwood Academy Valley is: NG138247

## Please fill it in as soon as you can to ensure your child gets vaccinated.

Even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated please complete the form to let us know.

If we don't receive an electronic consent form, your son/daughter will be given the opportunity to self-consent. The decision to have the vaccination is legally your son/daughter's as long as they understand the reasons for the vaccination and the issues in giving consent, however the nurse would much rather have your permission as well.

## If you need more information

Please visit <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx">http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx</a> where you can find information about the diseases and the vaccines, as well as links to other useful websites.

Call us on 01777 200066 or email <a href="mailto:immunisation@nottshc.nhs.uk">immunisation@nottshc.nhs.uk</a> if you have any problems or questions. The team will be happy to help.

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