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Parent / Guardian Invitation to Consent for: 2023-2024 School Based Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination Programme

WHY SHOULD I VACCINATE MY CHILD?

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is the name of a very common group of viruses which are spread through skin-to-skin contact of any mucus membrane throughout the human body i.e., mouth or genitals. 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, others can lead to abnormal cell changes in the body that can sometimes turn into cancer.

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

Vaccination is one of the most successful Public Health Interventions.

From September 2023 the HPV vaccination programme in the UK consists of one dose of the Gardasil 9 vaccine, which is routinely offered to boys and girls from year 8.

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. Please contact our team to discuss further if this applies to your child.

IS THE HPV VACCINATION SAFE?

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.

Further information is also available on the NHS Choices website www.nhs.uk

How do I give consent for this vaccination?

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

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. Read the vaccination resources provided on the next page, within the frequently asked questions.
- 2. Click on the following link: www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV or scan the QR code at the top of this page.
- 3. Enter and confirm your preferred email address You will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.
- 4. Enter the following school code **SX138473A** 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.
- 5. Check the school's name matches the school your child attends: Seaford Head School Steyne Road
- 6. Parent / Legal Guardian (with Parental Responsibility) to complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent *Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP.*

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.

If you are unable to complete the online form, do not want your child to have this vaccination, or wish to change your consent, please read the frequently asked questions for how to proceed. Speak to a member of the Immunisation Service by calling your local team, on **01273 696011**.

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