

Your Growing Healthy Team are here for all children and young people, providing support, encouraging healthy lifestyles and protecting those who are most vulnerable.

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George Pindar School

Dear Parent/Carer and daughter,

Beating Cervical Cancer

The HPV vaccination is being offered to **all 12 and 13 year old girls in Year 8**. Please see below for details about the vaccine and how to give your consent.

How do I give my consent?

To fill in the **online consent form** for your daughter to receive the **HPV vaccinations** please go to the **website given below**. This will take you to the Childhood Immunisation Service for North Yorkshire and City of York. Please click on **consent forms** and enter your school's **unique code** (see below) and click **"Next"** to begin filling out your daughter's information. Please ensure you select **YEAR 8 HPV (Human Papilloma Virus)** when telling us which programme you are consenting for.

www.hdft.nhs.uk/immsconsent

SCHOOL CODE: LVH53

Please note this form can generally be completed on smart phones and tablets, but if you are experiencing difficulties we recommend trying a laptop or desktop computer before getting in touch with our team for further assistance.

Why is this vaccine being offered?

The vaccination to protect against cervical cancer and additional cancers that can be caused by HPV is being offered to your daughter in school in Year 8. By having this vaccination, your daughter will be protected against the most common cause of cervical cancer. There are **two vaccinations** to be given. **The first vaccination will be given in the spring term of 2019** and the **second vaccination** in the **spring term of 2020**. Early vaccination gives us the opportunity to help prevent the spread of a very serious disease that affects over 3,000 women every year in the UK and causes over 1,000 deaths.

We hope that the information provided addresses any concerns you or your daughter might have about the vaccination. By having the HPV vaccine she will be protecting herself and others from a very serious disease later in life. It is important that this letter is shared with your daughter.

Where can I find out more?



For **more information** regarding the HPV vaccination please visit this website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine

If you have any questions regarding this programme, or you believe your child's vaccination status is not up to date (including MMR), **please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team** by ringing **01423 542360** or emailing childhood.immunisations@hdft.nhs.uk .

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lois Alderson'.

Lois Alderson

Clinical Lead for Childhood Immunisations for North Yorkshire and City of York