

Td/IPV and Meningitis ACWY vaccination for pupils in Year 9

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child is now due for their Td/IPV booster and Meningitis ACWY vaccination.



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working on  **NHS**
behalf of **England**

To give consent for your child to have these vaccines, please click here:

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/dtp/2023/walsall>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccines, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

TD/IPV VACCINE

- Prevents tetanus, diphtheria and polio
- Is routinely offered on the NHS to pupils in Year 9

MENINGITIS ACWY VACCINE

- Protects against meningitis A, C, W and Y
- Meningitis is dangerous swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal cord. It can be very serious or even fatal. Please see our FAQs for more information, or head to our website www.schoolvaccination.uk

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQs, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQs enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours faithfully,

Your Local Immunisation Team
Vaccination UK

USEFUL INFORMATION

We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website, or you can contact the team above.

Has your child had two doses of MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella)?

All children should receive two doses of MMR, at age 1 and then again at 3 years, 4 months. If your child has not had two doses, they may not be fully protected. We can offer an MMR booster at the same time as the Td/IPV and Men ACWY. If you answer 'no' to the question 'has your child had two doses of MMR vaccine', one of our Nurses will be in touch to offer this.

USEFUL LINKS

www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk

PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2023/24 policy can be viewed here:
www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy

For data protection queries, please contact: dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk

Frequently Asked Questions



Q WHAT IS TETANUS?

Tetanus is a painful disease affecting the nervous system which can lead to muscle spasms, cause breathing problems, and can kill. It is caused when germs found in the soil and manure get into the body through open cuts or burns. Tetanus cannot be passed from person to person.

Q WHAT IS DIPHTHERIA?

Diphtheria is a serious disease that usually begins with a sore throat and can quickly cause breathing problems. It can damage the heart and nervous system, and in severe cases, it can kill.

Q WHAT IS POLIO?

Polio is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause permanent paralysis of muscles. If it affects the chest muscles or the brain, polio can kill. The teenage booster vaccine is called Revaxis.

You can read more about the Tetanus Diphtheria Polio vaccine here:

www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.5581.pdf

Q WHAT ARE MENINGITIS AND SEPTICAEMIA?

Meningitis is dangerous swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal cord. It can be the result of infection with bacteria or a virus or as a result of injury.

Septicaemia is when bacteria enter the bloodstream and cause blood poisoning which can trigger sepsis. Sepsis is an overwhelming and life-threatening immune response to any infection and can lead to tissue damage, organ failure and death.

Meningococcal disease can cause both meningitis and septicaemia. It can lead to life-changing disabilities such as amputations, hearing loss, brain damage and scars. You can read more about the meningitis ACWY vaccine here:

www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.4118.pdf

Q WHY DOES MY CHILD NEED THIS VACCINE?

The national immunisation programme has meant that dangerous diseases, such as polio, have disappeared in the UK. But these diseases could come back – they are still around in many countries throughout the world. In the UK, such diseases are kept at bay by the high immunisation rates.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:



- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

Q IF MY CHILD WAS IMMUNISED AGAINST TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA AND POLIO AS A CHILD, ARE THEY STILL FULLY PROTECTED?

No, to follow the UK immunisation schedule, your son or daughter will still need a booster to provide protection against these diseases.

Q ARE THERE SIDE EFFECTS FROM THESE VACCINES?

It is common to get some swelling, redness or tenderness where you have the injection. Sometimes a small painless lump develops, but this usually disappears in a few weeks. More serious effects are rare but include fever, headache, dizziness, feeling sick and swollen glands. You may experience side effects from the MMR vaccine for up to six weeks after the immunisation. The symptoms are similar to those caused by the diseases, but much milder. Speak to your school nurse or doctor if you are at all concerned.