



Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to inform you that Ulcombe School will be hosting a pop up vaccination session run by the school nursing team of the NHS on Monday 12th February from 9am-1pm. This will take place in Ulcombe School. The team from the NHS are able to offer these vaccinations to any child (past or present) from the entire Aspire Federation of schools who has missed them:

### ***HPV (Human Papilloma Virus)***

*The HPV vaccine gives boys and girls up to 80% protection against some cancers which can be caused by the HPV infection. These include some mouth and throat cancers, cervical cancer, cancers of the penis and genital area and the vaccination also protects against genital warts.*

*The HPV vaccination is now given as a single dose which gives long lasting protection. It can be given at the clinic to girls from 12 years-19 years and to boys from 12 years- 16 years.*

### ***Meningitis, Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio***

*These vaccinations are offered to both boys and girls from 13 years-19 years and will give them long lasting protection against these diseases.*

*MenACWY (meningitis) vaccination helps to protect your child against four types of bacteria that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and sepsis (blood poisoning) and can kill.*

*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 in soil and manure get into the body through open cuts and wounds, it cannot be passed from person to person.*

*Diphtheria is a serious disease that usually begins with a sore throat and can quickly lead to breathing problems. It can damage the heart and nervous system, it can kill.*

*Polio is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause permanent paralysis of the muscles. If it affects the chest muscles or the brain, it can kill.*

### ***MMR***

*You may be aware that NHS England have reported a significant rise in measles cases, with over twice as many cases confirmed in the first half of 2023 compared to the previous year. We know that having the MMR vaccine is the best way to protect our communities.*

*This vaccine is usually given in two doses at 12 months and 3½ years but is available as a catch up at our clinic to any children from reception to 18 years who have missed it.*

In order to make sure that the team have enough vaccines available on the day it would be helpful if families could contact their school office in advance to register their interest. You will need to give your child's name, date of birth and which vaccinations they need and then (if for MMR) bring your child's red book to the clinic (but please don't worry if you cannot find it as the team will work with the assumption that the child has not had either dose). The clinic will operate as a drop in on the day from 9am-1pm and we will arrange for the vaccinations to be collected at 1.30pm.

I have also attached the UKHSA leaflets about each of the vaccinations in case you require more information.

Please contact your school office to register your interest and which vaccinations you require so the correct amount can be ordered by the NHS team.

Kindest Wishes

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