

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Human Papillomavirus Vaccination (HPV)

Your child is now able to have the HPV vaccination, this is offered to all young people aged 12 – 13 years. The HPV vaccination is now a one dose programme.

HPV has been linked to some types of cancer, including cervical, head and neck cancers. It can also cause genital warts. Having the HPV vaccination is one of the best ways to protect against the HPV virus.

If you **Do** or **Do Not** want your child to have the HPV vaccine, please fill out the online form using the link below or QR code.

Your child's school code is:139714 (Portsmouth Academy)

<https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-portsmouth-hpv>



**\*\*Anyone who fills in an online form (for yes or no) has a chance of winning a £100 supermarket voucher\*\***

Please complete this online form by **20<sup>th</sup> May 2024** for your child to be included in the school session. Forms completed after this date will still be accepted but may not be included in the main school session.

The vaccination will take place during the school day on **22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**. There are also some community clinic sessions available after school and at weekends.

Please see the attached leaflet for information about the vaccine or see the links below:

<https://bit.ly/3Q2wBpf> - UKHSA HPV Leaflet

<https://bit.ly/48YWwVJ> - NHS HPV Vaccine

<https://www.hpwwise.co.uk/>

<https://bit.ly/480yh8k> - Gardasil 9 Patient Information Leaflet

**ONLY SUBMIT ONE FORM PER CHILD.** If you are not sure if you have completed a form, please check your emails for a reply from Inhealthcare. Please check Junk Mail folders as emails may end up here. You can also contact us.

**If you wish to change your consent, you need to contact us to let us know. Please also let the school know before the date of the school session. Make sure your child is also aware that consent has changed.**

If you have any questions or need help to complete the online form, please contact us on:

Email: [Portsmouth.SAI@solent.nhs.uk](mailto:Portsmouth.SAI@solent.nhs.uk)

Telephone: [0300 123 5074](tel:03001235074)

With best wishes,

### **School Aged Immunisation Service**

<https://www.solent.nhs.uk/our-services/services-listings/school-aged-immunisation-service/>

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Could my child have received any doses of the HPV vaccine elsewhere?**

A: Occasionally the GP may give this vaccination or they may have had it at a previous school.

**Q: What treatments would affect my child's immune system?**

A: This would be treatment such as chemotherapy or on antiviral treatment.

**Q: What are the ingredients in the vaccine?**

A: We use the Gardasil 9 Vaccine and a list of the ingredients can be found in the patient information leaflet here <https://bit.ly/480yh8k>

**Q: What are the side effects from the HPV vaccine?**

A: There are some common side effects such as pain, swelling and redness where the jab is given but these often do not last long. For the full list of side effects and how common they are please see the information leaflet from the vaccine <https://bit.ly/480yh8k>

**Q: My child has additional needs, how can you support them?**

A: We often work with children who have additional needs and are happy to offer more support, time and encouragement for them.

**Q: My child has missed the school session, how can they be vaccinated?**

A: If you have completed the online form you will receive an email from Inhealthcare to book into a community clinic.

If you have not completed the online form, please complete this and you will be able to book into a community clinic.

### **Win £100 Supermarket Voucher Competition**

By completing the online consent form with a yes or a no for the HPV vaccination you will be entered into a competition to win a £100 Supermarket voucher.

The form must be completed before the 1<sup>st</sup> July to be entered into the competition. A winner will be chosen at random early August and contacted to receive the voucher.

Only one entry per child.

Personal details used for this competition will only be used by the SAI Service and not shared with any other parties or stored for any longer than necessary.

Please contact us if you do not want to be part of the competition or if you would like further details.