

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Your child's Men ACWY and Teenage Booster vaccinations are now due**

**If you consented for these vaccinations when your child was in year 9 you do not need to consent again.**

MenACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against four types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). These diseases are very serious and can kill, especially if not diagnosed early. If you would like more details, please visit <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/men-acwy-vaccine.aspx> , where you can find information about the disease and the vaccine, as well as links to other useful websites.

The teenage booster, also known as the 3-in-1 or the Td/IPV vaccine, is given as a single injection into the upper arm to boost your child's protection against three separate diseases: tetanus, diphtheria and polio. For further information go to <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/3-in-1-teenage-booster.aspx> . This web link gives full details and also describes the contents of the vaccine and any expected side effects that may occur afterwards. The two vaccinations are given together, one in each arm.

**Please click on the following link to complete the online consent form for your child(ren):** <https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/DTPMen>

**You will need to enter the following code for your child's school: EE142392 (Somercotes Academy)**

We require a consent form for all children. We will be visiting schools between January and June.

We will attempt to vaccinate your child in school on 2 separate occasions. If we do not vaccinate your child in school we will contact you to make further arrangements.

For further information please follow this link to the School Aged Immunisation Service page <https://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations>

If you have any queries please contact the healthcare team on 01522 572950

Yours sincerely,

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