

School Aged Immunisation Team
Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Clinic Booking Line (For clinic booking/ amendments only):

East Berkshire (Bracknell, RBWM, Slough) – 0300 365 0077

West Berkshire (Reading, Wokingham, West Berkshire) – 01189 207575

15th June 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Re: Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) – Year 9 Girls

This summer term your child should have been offered their second dose of the HPV vaccine (if they received their first dose in year 8).

Due to Covid-19 and the closure of schools initially to all non-keyworker children the school aged immunisation service was suspended and no vaccinations have been administered this term. Our team has since been planning for a safe reopening of our service and are pleased to announce that we are now able to safely resume some school aged vaccinations via pre-bookable appointments in schools.

We will be following government guidance on social distancing and the use of PPE to ensure the safety of all students and staff during the appointments. Some of the measures include:

- Triaging of young people and their households at the time of appointment booking and on the day of appointment – this checks for symptoms of Covid-19
- Staggering of appointments to ensure social distancing can be maintained
- Nurses stations to be positioned at least 2m apart
- All immunisation staff to wear PPE, as advised by PHE and BHFT guidelines, this includes a surgical facemask and disposable apron
- Alcohol hand sanitiser to be available and used by young people on entry to school and on exiting.

All young people need to be accompanied to and from their appointment by a responsible adult. Where possible please travel by car, as we ask for young people to enter the school unaccompanied (unless anxious or needle phobic) and for parents/ carers/ responsible adults to remain in the car to ensure social distancing is maintained. On arrival to school, the clinic entrance will be signposted. Please direct your child to the entrance where they will be met and triaged by a member of the immunisation team.

You should receive an appointment time and date, via text message over the next few weeks, please look out for this text message and let us know via our booking line (at the top of this letter) if you are unable to make this appointment.

We look forward to speaking with you soon

Many Thanks



Charlotte Church

(Immunisation Service Lead)