

School Leavers Booster

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school in the coming months, please see some information below...

Consent forms

School will be sending home consent forms over the next few days for your child's School Leavers Booster vaccine – **please look out for this in your child's school bag and read all information contained before returning the completed form to school.**

If the vaccination history on the consent form is blank, please record or provide evidence of your child's vaccine history – Please attach any relevant documents to the consent form or contact the team below with your child's full name, DOB and school they attend.

If you consent for your child to receive the vaccine but they are absent from school on the day of vaccination, they will be offered it again at a catch-up clinic in school. This takes place usually around the summer term and dates for this will be communicated, via school parent mail, closer to the time.

Should you not consent for your child to receive the vaccine, please complete the form accordingly and return to school.

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The School Leaver Booster is eligible to children in Year 11 and comprises of two vaccines protecting against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis ACWY. Some Year 12 children may receive a consent form if they **messed** their vaccination in Year 11.

Each vaccine is administered, via injection, into the top of each arm. Wearing a short-sleeved shirt or PE top may allow a smoother vaccination process for your child (at school's discretion).

The Public Health Agency have advised that vaccination uptake rates of School Leaving Booster has fallen over the last few years in Northern Ireland (November 2024). This leaves children susceptible to infections such as Meningitis, which can be fatal. Vaccination is the best and easiest way to protect your child from these harmful infections.

Please feel visit the Public Health Agency website for further information on these vaccines
<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/>

How can you contact us?

If you have any questions or queries about your child's vaccines, please contact us on 02890 413765.

Thank you,

The School Immunisation Team