



9th March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

DTP & MenACWY Immunisation – Wednesday 19th April 2017

On Wednesday 19th April, Kernow Health will be in College to immunise girls and boys in Year 9 against Meningitis ACWY and Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio. Please see the enclosed letter and consent form for further information.

Kernow Health has been successful in gaining the contract for school immunisations. Kernow Health's team of nurses will be going into schools to vaccinate children in Cornwall.

Cornwall is one of only two areas in England where immunisations for school-aged children were given by GPs in local practices. However, with uptake lower than national levels, NHS England, working in partnership with schools, took the decision to move provision into schools.

Immunisations in a school setting are proven to increase uptake, and have many benefits, including:

- High numbers of children in one place, all being vaccinated at the same time, increasing immunity
- Particular advantages for children in rural areas, where GP surgeries tend to be further away
- Less reliance on parents organising GP appointments, arranging time off work, and children missing school

Prior to receiving their vaccination, Kernow Health will explain to the students the purpose of the vaccination, and how the procedure will be carried out.

We would be grateful if you could complete the consent form and return it to your **child's tutor by Friday 17th March.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College Nurse, Mrs Twynam on 01326-575038.

Yours faithfully

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