

Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY (Men ACWY)

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child is now due to have the Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations.

The Td/IPV vaccination (also known as the teenage booster or the 3-in-1 vaccine) is given as a single injection into the upper arm. This is a booster dose that follows on from the vaccinations your child had before they started primary school and will help protect your child into adulthood from the three diseases; tetanus, diphtheria and polio. For further information about this vaccination please see the enclosed booklet or go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/> .

The MenACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against 4 different types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis and septicaemia. These diseases are very serious and can kill, especially if not diagnosed early. The vaccine is given as a single injection into the upper arm. If you would like further information about this vaccination please see the enclosed booklet or go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/> .

It is very important that you sign the enclosed consent form and return it to your child's school as soon as possible so they can receive these important vaccinations. We will give both vaccinations at the same time, one in each arm.

The School Nurses may offer information to all year 9 during an assembly at school. It is advisable that on the day of the injections that your child eats breakfast and if possible wears a short-sleeved shirt. If your child has asthma please ensure they have their reliever inhaler with them on the day of the injections.

Every High School in Salford has a School Nurse link, for more information please contact them via your child's school,

Yours sincerely

Salford 0-19 Children's Services