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Dear Parents/Carers

**Human Papilloma Virus vaccination programme**

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination is part of the NHS school based immunisation programme in the UK. All girls in Year 8 are offered the immunisation that protects against cervical cancer.

The HPV vaccine consists of two injections given into the upper arm at an interval of between six and twenty four months. In Oxfordshire we are following the recommendations of Public Health England and delivering the programme with an interval of 12 months. This means that girls will receive one immunisation when they are in Year 8 and a second one when they are in Year 9. Both immunisations need to be given to achieve the best protection. If your daughter is unable to receive her immunisation due to absence or another reason, a catch up session will be arranged in school at a later date.

The immunisations will be given late in the Spring Term or early in the Summer Term, you will receive further news nearer the time with dates of the immunisation session, with a consent form to complete and more information on the HPV immunisation.

If you or your daughters have any concerns or wish to discuss this important immunisation with a school health nurse, please phone on 07825843526.

Further information is available at [www.nhs.uk/hpv](http://www.nhs.uk/hpv)

Yours faithfully,

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<http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/children-and-young-people>