

Your Growing Healthy Team are here for all children and young people, providing support, encouraging healthy lifestyles and protecting those who are most vulnerable.

April 2021

Risedale Sports & Community College

Dear Parent/Carer,

HPV Vaccination: Protecting Your Child Against Cancers

The nurses will be visiting Risedale School on Wednesday 21st April 2021. They will be catching up with girls in Year 10 and administering their 2nd HPV vaccination. Please note you do not need to complete a consent form as you have previously submitted one for their first dose, which was given in year 8. This second vaccination will complete the HPV course.

Why is this vaccine being offered?

The HPV vaccine helps to protect against:

- Head and Neck cancers
- Cervical cancer
- Anal and Penile cancers
- Genital Warts

The HPV vaccination requires **two doses**.

Where can I find out more?

For more information about why this vaccine is being offered:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine>

You can read the patient information leaflet for the HPV vaccine (Gardasil) here:

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.261.pdf>

We hope that the information provided addresses any concerns you or your child might have about the vaccination. By having the HPV vaccine they will be helping to protect themselves and others from very serious diseases later in life. It is important that this letter is shared with your child.

If you have any questions regarding this programme, or you believe your child's vaccination status is not up to date (**including MMR**), please contact the **Childhood Immunisation Team** by ringing **01423 553 115** or emailing hdft.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,



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