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Dear Parent/Carer of Year 8 students,

Due to the global pandemic, the School Immunisation Team were unfortunately unable to offer the planned Year 9 school immunisation sessions between the January 2021-March 2021 due to school closures. We are in the process of catching up with those missed sessions and will be doing so for the remainder of this academic year.

Before Covid-19, in Leeds our aim was to give both doses of the HPV vaccine to pupils whilst in year 8. Other cities around England space the vaccine out over Years 8 and 9.

Due to us having to catch up the missed Year 9 sessions this summer term, the scheduled Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) dose 2 for your child in Year 8, will now be offered in the Spring of 2022. This will be offered at the same session as the other 2 routine Year 9 vaccinations: Diphtheria Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY. You do not need to do anything if you have already filled in the Year 8 HPV online consent form, this consent will still stand.

For your reassurance, the vaccination advisory committee (JCVI) recommends a spacing of between 6-24 months for HPV vaccines so this change will still be within the recommended time frame.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on the details above. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.

Yours faithfully,

The School Immunisation Team