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Dear Parent / Guardian

Please find enclosed a consent form for you to complete which gives permission for your daughter to be vaccinated to help to protect her against cervical cancer.

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination is offered routinely to all girls in year 8 and 9, age 12-14 years. The vaccine is recommended for all girls from the age of 12 years as part of the NHS childhood immunisation programme. Your daughter will need two injections. The second injection will be given approximately 12 months after the first. The vaccination is given in the upper arm.

## What is cervical cancer?

Cervical cancer develops in the cervix, the entrance to the womb. It is caused by a virus (human papilloma virus). Cervical cancer can be very serious. After breast cancer, it is the most common women's cancer in the world. In the UK, around 3,200 cases of it are diagnosed every year and about 900 women die from it. You can get more information on the following hyperlink: <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine.aspx">http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine.aspx</a>

Please return the consent form to the school as soon as possible. We still need the form completed even if your child is not having the vaccination for our records.

If you have any further queries please contact us on the above telephone number.

Yours Sincerely

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