

Dear Parent/Carer

Protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio & Meningococcal ACWY

The Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) & Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccinations are being offered to all pupils in Year 9. This is also available to Year 10 and Year 11 pupils who missed this previously when they were in Year 9.

This will be your child's fifth and final booster for Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio, as they should have received three as part of their baby immunisation schedule and a fourth before starting school.

It is important for your child to have the MenACWY vaccination, as older teenagers are most at risk from these strains of Meningococcal bacteria. These can cause Meningitis (inflammation of the brain) and Septicaemia (blood poisoning), both of which can be life threatening.

The majority of universities also require new students to have had this vaccination prior to commencing their studies, due to the increased risk for the student age group.

Measles

Now is a good time to check if your child has had 2 doses of the MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine.

Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious problems if it spreads to other parts of the body, such as the lungs or brain. Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent it, and your child needs to have received 2 doses in order to be protected.

If you think your child is outstanding their MMR vaccinations, please contact us on **01244 397470** to arrange an appointment with our team.

You can contact us by phone or email to check your child's vaccination history, using the details at the top of this letter.

The Td/IPV and MenACWY vaccination programme for your High School, **The County High School, Leftwich**, is scheduled for:

TUESDAY 5TH MARCH

Your High School, **The County High School, Leftwich**, has a unique code that you will be prompted to input into the system. The code for your school is:

CP138743

Please submit consent here <https://www.cwpstartingwellimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP> by **12 NOON FRIDAY 1ST MARCH** to ensure that your child receives the vaccination.

It is important that you complete a consent form online before the deadline, otherwise your child will not be called for their vaccination.

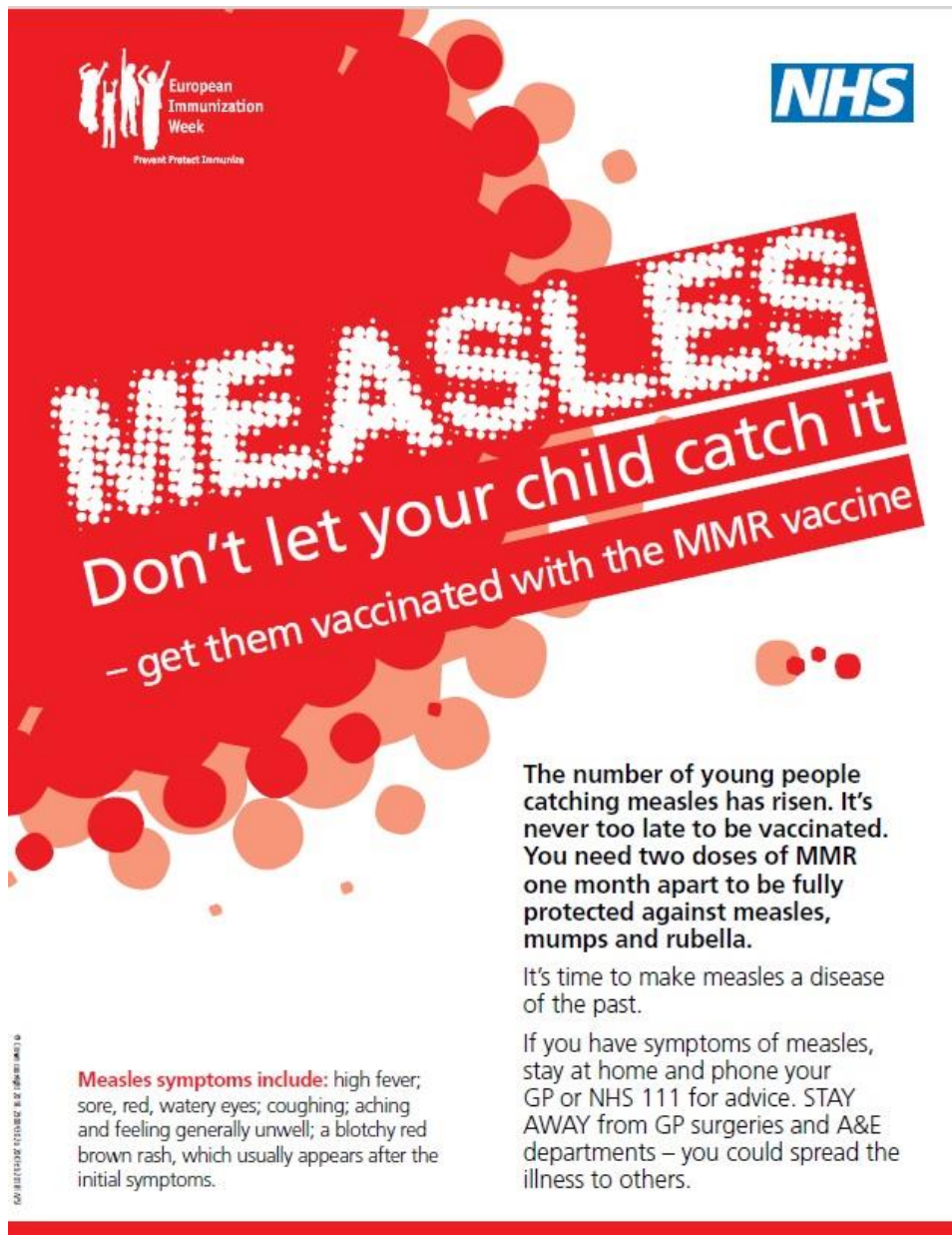
If you have any questions, you can contact our service on the above telephone number or email address. For further information about these and other vaccinations please access:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

Details about the vaccinations will be added to your child's health record after they have been vaccinated.

Yours faithfully,

School Aged Immunisation Service – CWP



The poster features a red background with white and orange circular patterns. At the top left, it says 'European Immunization Week' with the tagline 'Prevent Protect Immunize'. The NHS logo is in the top right. The word 'MEASLES' is written in large, white, dotted letters. Below it, a red banner contains the text 'Don't let your child catch it - get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine'. To the right, there is a text box with information about the rise in measles cases and the importance of MMR vaccination. At the bottom left, there is a small text box listing measles symptoms.

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MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it
- get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

Measles symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

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