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Important changes to the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination programme

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has announced that from 1st September 2023 the HPV vaccine programme will change from a two dose to a one dose vaccine schedule for eligible adolescents.

It follows advice from the Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) that one dose of HPV vaccine is just as effective as two doses at providing protection from HPV infection.

Over 280 million people worldwide have received the HPV vaccine, including over 10 million in the UK. Studies have shown the HPV vaccine to be very effective at preventing HPV infections and it is expected that the vaccine will save hundreds of lives every year in the UK. A recent Scottish study found an 89% reduction in pre-cancerous cervical disease in young women since the HPV programme was introduced in 2008.

Routine HPV Programme

- In the academic year 23/24 children aged 12-13 in year 8 will receive one dose only.
- Those in school year 9 and above and have already received one HPV vaccination will be considered fully vaccinated. They will not require a second dose.
- Those in school year 9 and above who have not yet received any HPV vaccinations will be eligible to receive one dose of the HPV vaccine.

It is really important that your child is vaccinated with this vaccine to protect them against HPV infection.

If you would like more details, you can view or download information here: [HPV vaccination programme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/childhood-vaccination-programme) or contact the School Aged Immunisation Service using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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