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Dear Parent/ Carer

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme from 1st September 2023

We are pleased to announce that from 1st September 2023 the HPV vaccine programme will change from two doses to a one dose HPV vaccine schedule. <https://www.sirona-cic.org.uk/blog/2023/09/01/hpv-vaccination-programme-moves-to-single-dose/> This is because the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that a one dose HPV vaccine schedule has shown to be just as effective as two doses at providing protection from HPV infection.

From 1 September 2023, all young people who have already received one dose of the vaccine will be considered fully vaccinated.

If your child has still not received one dose of the HPV vaccine they will remain eligible to receive this and community catch-up clinics will run later in the school year.

The HPV vaccine helps protect you against the human papillomavirus (HPV), this virus increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as

- Cervical cancer
- Some mouth and throat cancers
- Some cancers of the anus and genital areas

The HPV vaccine does not protect against other sexually transmitted infections

The leaflet [The universal HPV immunisation programme \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/118444/the-universal-hpv-immunisation-programme) includes more information about the vaccine.

If you have any questions, please contact the Immunisation Team at sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515

Yours Sincerely

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