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Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the spring term (2017/18), children in North Yorkshire and City of York in school year 9, will be offered the vaccines below in school, the online consent must be completed as soon as possible to ensure your child receives the vaccination at the earliest opportunity. Please ensure you take the time to read this letter, and visit the consent webpage where there is more information on each of the vaccinations.

Helping to protect your child against meningococcal disease and septicaemia

The meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccine is available for all children in school year 9.

MenACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against four types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). These diseases are very serious and can kill, especially if not diagnosed early. Cases of meningococcal W disease ("MenW") in England have increased significantly in recent years, and it is in response to this rise in cases that this vaccine was introduced. Last year in North Yorkshire most children in school year 9 had the vaccine.

Helping to protect your child against diphtheria, tetanus and polio

The DTP booster vaccine helps protect your child against diphtheria, tetanus and polio.

Diphtheria is a serious disease that can damage the heart and nervous system, and in severe cases, it can kill.

Tetanus is a painful disease affecting the nervous system which can lead to muscle spasms, breathing problems and can kill.

Polio is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause permanent paralysis of muscles. If it affects the chest muscles or the brain, polio can kill. Last year in North Yorkshire most children had the vaccination's in school.

For more information and to consent for your child to receive these vaccines in school please visit:

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We hope that this information addresses any question you or your child might have about the vaccination programme.

Yours sincerely,



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