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Dear Parent

Immunisations in Derbyshire

In the early part of 2015, Derbyshire County Council decided that the 0 – 19 year old children's public health service would be delivered by Derbyshire Community Health Service NHS Foundation Trust. (DCHS)

The new service is designed to provide public health services to children aged 0 – 19 years old and their families across Derbyshire. As part of this change the school aged immunisation service (SAIS) was set up and its job is to immunise children across Derbyshire within schools and communities starting 1 October 2015.

The SAIS team will provide services for the following immunisations:

- Seasonal flu immunisations – to year 1 and 2 primary school aged children
- Teenage Meningitis ACWY immunisation programme to young people in Year 9
- HPV immunisation – routinely to female pupils in Year 8 (Dose 1) and Year 9 (Dose 2)
- Td/IPV (teenage booster) immunisations programme to young people in Year 9

I have spoken to the SAIS team directly to confirm that they are responsible for vaccinating all children and young people within Derbyshire schools irrespective of where they live or GP surgery they attend.

The school will be contacted in due course to inform us when the immunisation programmes will take place. I have expressed concerns that some students in different year groups may have missed their immunisations in the past due to the area in which they live having different programmes and was assured that this was going to be addressed under the new process.

If you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or contact your GP surgery directly, particularly if you are concerned that your son/ daughter may have missed an immunisation booster.

Yours faithfully

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