



Academic Year 2024/2025

Immunisations Team
Children & Families Division

Website: <https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-public/children-and-young-people/services-parent-portal/immunisation-services/>

Dear Parent/Carer

Teenage booster vaccinations

School Name: 138059 - Rockwood Academy

Your child is due to have two booster vaccinations. One protects against diphtheria, tetanus and polio. The other against meningitis and septicaemia.

The School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) offers these vaccines in school when children are in year 9, or in year 10 if missed in year 9 and we have a consent form from you.

The vaccines do not contain gelatine.

Please see below for more information about the teenage booster vaccination or visit:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-for-young-people>

Please let us know as soon as possible if you **DO** or **DO NOT** want your child to have these two recommended vaccinations by:

Completing the consent forms on-line at:

<https://www.bchcschoolagevaccs.nhs.uk>

Quoting Letter Reference - 138059-770

Access Code - 3969

Please complete these consent forms as soon as possible after you have received them.

The link will close 3 days before the session in school. This will allow us time to clinically assess all requests for vaccination.

If the link has closed when you try to submit your consent please contact the SAIS team on the phone number **0121 466 3410**.

If you prefer to use a paper form, please request one from school.

Your child may be able to give consent for these vaccinations if you do not tell us of your choice.

Information about the teenage booster vaccinations

Vaccine 1 (Td/IPV) offers protection against three things:

Diphtheria is a serious disease that usually begins with a sore throat. It can cause breathing problems and damage the heart and nervous system. In severe cases, it can kill.

Tetanus is a painful disease affecting the nervous system. It can lead to muscle spasms, may cause breathing problems and can kill. Tetanus is caused by germs found in the soil and manure that get into your body through open cuts or burns.

Polio is a virus that attacks the nervous system. It can cause permanent paralysis of muscles. If it affects the chest muscles or the brain, polio can also kill.

Vaccine 2 (Men ACWY) offers protection against most meningitis and septicaemia.

Meningitis affects the lining of the brain. It can be caused by viruses, bacteria, or other disease-causing organisms. Meningitis can also occur after an injury.

Septicaemia is blood poisoning. It is very serious, especially if not diagnosed early, and can lead to death.

If you change your mind at any point after you have sent your consent form, please contact the immunisation team as below.

If you need help or advice completing the consent form, please contact either:

- Immunisation Team - Telephone - 0121 466 3410
- Email - BCHNT.BirminghamImms@nhs.net
- Customer Services -Telephone freephone - 0800 917 2855

A record of the vaccinations given, or not given, will be stored in your child's local electronic record. This information will be shared with their GP and other NHS bodies.

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<https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/about-us/corporate-information/privacy-notices-and-data-protection/patient-privacy-notice/>

Yours faithfully

School Aged Immunisation Service

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