

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to you to introduce myself and my team who will be coming into your child's school to administer scheduled immunisations.

IntraHealth are a healthcare company commissioned by NHS England to deliver the adolescent & flu immunisations to primary and secondary schools within Hull and East Riding areas. Throughout this time, it remains vital to protect the children of the community against vaccine preventable diseases.

My name is Victoria Graystone Clinical lead nurse for immunisations for Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire my team consists of :

- 8 immunisation nurses along with several bank nurses
- 1 – Health Care Assistant
- Michelle Mayes – immunisation Admin Team Leader – who has a team of experienced admin staff

The past 18 months have been a difficult time for us all, dealing with current pandemic of Covid19, parents working from home whilst juggling home schooling and many more challenges this pandemic has presented to families, but there is hope that life will return to normality soon.

During the time of school closures IntraHealth set up community immunisation clinics to deliver as many vaccines as possible.

In secondary schools all Year 8 children, boys and girls are offered HPV vaccines – a vaccine to reduce the risk of cervical cancer. Why are the children given this vaccine at early age I hear you ask? This is a persistent infection which can be present once sexually active in later years therefore vaccinating early allows individuals to have full protection.

In Year 9 both boys and girls are offered Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and meningitis vaccine (ACWY)

We also delivered the Flu programme to both primary (reception to Year 6) and secondary (Year 7) pupils last year during the covid pandemic which was a challenging time for both the immunisation team and for schools. Due to schools and the immunisation team's commitment, whilst following public health guidelines, the programmes was very successful.

**Now the Government are easing restrictions, children are back in school and we now need to focus on the future health of the children.**

**We need to catch up with as many children's immunisations as possible, as due to Covid these young people are at risk of preventable diseases.**

**To allow our immunisations team to achieve the levels of uptake, we need your help to help us immunise as many as possible. Therefore, when school send you the link for e-consent for these vaccines, please fill a YES or NO Consent Form, links are on the forms where you can find**

**information about the vaccines to allow you as a parent to make an informed consent – it is really important to complete and submit the form ASAP.** If you have any difficulties access the link please contact the immunisation team on 0333 358 3397, option 9.

If you have any queries about the vaccines you can find out more information on the NHS website [NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) or give our team a call 03333 583 397 or email [ImmunisationHull@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:ImmunisationHull@intrahealth.co.uk) / [Immunisations.EastRiding@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:Immunisations.EastRiding@intrahealth.co.uk)

I can assure parents/carers we are taking every step to ensure pupils and staff are kept safe and following the social distance, face mask guidance from the government.

Kind Regards

IntraHealth Immunisation Team  
Hull & East Riding