East of England
Community and School-Aged Immunisation Service

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust
BLMK Community School Aged
Immunisation Service
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October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)

In line with the National Immunisation Programme, the Community School Aged Immunisation Service offers Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio and Meningococcal ACWY vaccinations to all pupils in Year 9. It may also be offered to anyone who missed the vaccinations in year 10 and above.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio booster
This booster dose is important to ensure a young person's continuing immunity and protection against these diseases.

Meningococcal ACWY
Meningococcal ACWY vaccination helps to protect your child against 4 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). Cases of meningococcal W disease in England have increased significantly in recent years. Universities, Colleges and future employers are increasingly asking for evidence of this vaccination.

For further information about vaccines, click here

The School Aged Immunisation Service will be visiting this school on Wednesday, November 5, 2025

To say yes or no to this vaccine please click on this link: Immunisation Form or type https://blmk.hct.nhs.uk/dtp/2025/bedford and complete the form.

The electronic link will close at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

A response is required. Please complete the online form to accept or decline these vaccinations.

Please note the form will not work on some mobile phones and tablets. Please call 0300 5555 055 option 5 for alternative consent options.

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Please make sure on the day of immunisations your child is fit and well and encourage them to eat breakfast.

Consent Form
It is important for you to discuss and complete the consent form with your child. Please be aware that if we do not receive the completed electronic consent form, each young person will be assessed on an individual basis in line with the Gillick Competency Framework. They may be invited to self-consent for the above vaccinations, providing they can demonstrate an understanding of the vaccinations due. Ultimately, the decision to consent or refuse is the young person's providing they understand the issues involved in giving consent.

Measles / Mumps / Rubella (MMR)
We would also like to remind you that all children and young people should have 2 doses of MMR. If you are not sure whether your child has been fully immunised against MMR please contact your GP or Practice Nurse for advice.

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