

Sutton & Merton School Age Immunisation Team
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School Immunisation Programme 2020/21

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Public Health England (PHE) has advised that it is safe to continue to offer all School Aged Vaccinations. This will ensure young people continue to be protected from other infectious diseases during this pandemic.

As you are aware the teenage school immunisation programme had been paused due to national lockdown & school closures. This has affected the commencement of the teenage booster vaccination programme at the start of 2021 for Year 9 students. We would like to offer your son / daughter an appointment to receive their routine year 9 vaccinations

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP)**
- **Meningitis ACWY**

Along with these vaccines is an opportunity to also have

- **Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR)**

There is a large increase in the number of young people catching the measles and mumps, therefore, NHS England has advised offering the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine to **any child who has not received one or two doses of MMR vaccine in the past.** These are part of the National Programme.

The vaccinations will be by allocated appointment on Friday 5th March and provided at :

**St Saviours Church Hall
Grand Drive
Raynes Park
SW20 9DL**

Car park entrance is on Church Walk.

Please call the Immunisation Team on 0203 538 0502 or 07909 914009 for the appointment time.

Nurses will be administering vaccinations using PPE, as indicated by Public Health England. Young people are to attend wearing a mask and will be offered the opportunity to sanitise their hands prior to vaccination.

Young people will be asked to come to clinic at their allocated appointment time with a parent / guardian. Post vaccination the young people will be observed for 5-10 minutes before they can then safely be taken home by their parent / guardian. Please note for safety, the young person will not be able to be vaccinated if unaccompanied.

Please could the young person also bring a drink of water with them to their appointment.

To aid the smooth running of the service please bring to the appointment any records of vaccinations received within the past 5 years and where possible your completed consent form. Spare consent forms will be available on the day and Immunisation staff will also be present at the entrance should further assistance be required.

We understand that you may not wish to take this opportunity up at this current time. Should you wish to wait, please be assured there will be a second vaccination session in the school when it reopens later in the school year.

Yours sincerely,

Maria Barrett

Immunisation Team Lead