



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
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Consent form website: <https://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV>

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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child is now eligible for their HPV (Human Papillomavirus) immunisation

The **NHS Immunisation Team** will be visiting your child's school **Maiden Erlegh Reading** on **Friday 4th July 2025** to offer the following routine childhood vaccination to all year 8 pupils:

- **HPV (Human Papillomavirus) immunisation** – *The HPV vaccine reduces your chances of getting human papillomavirus (HPV), a common virus that's spread through skin contact. Most types of HPV are harmless. But some types are linked to an increased risk of certain types of cancer.*

How to complete a YES or NO consent form for the above vaccinations

To enable the Immunisation team to account for all eligible children and young people we kindly request that a **YES** or **NO** consent form is completed by the person with parental responsibility. Please follow the instructions below to complete a **YES** or **NO** consent form:

- Visit the Immunisation Team consent form website via the following [link](#).
- Insert your email address and your child's school's unique code **BK141886** This will take you to the consent form which you will be required to complete and submit.
- The electronic consent form will close 2 working days before the planned school session to allow for safe triage.
- If you experience any problems accessing the form or you have missed the deadline, please telephone **0300 365 0077** or email (address above) and the team will be happy to help you.
- **Please only submit one form per child.** If you are unsure that you have completed a form, please check your emails for communication from Cinnamon Digital or contact the Berkshire Immunisation Service.

Please be aware that it is possible for a young person to seek to self-consent to vaccinations (if assessed as Gillick Competent) which can override your decision. [Green book chapter 2_Consent \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

We ask for your child's NHS number on all consent forms, which allows their immunisation to be recorded on their GP records. Their NHS number can be requested here: [Find your NHS number - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Kind Regards,

The Berkshire NHS Immunisation Team



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We will be polite and kind and we expect you to treat our staff in the same way. We will take action against anyone who is verbally, racially, physically or sexually abusive, including stopping access to our services.

Additional Information:

- Whilst we seek consent from the person with parental responsibility it is important that you discuss the offered vaccinations with your child. The decision to vaccinate your child should be a joint decision and it is important that your child understands what it is they are being offered and why. Feedback from children and young people has told us that young people do not always know they are having vaccinations, and they do not understand what they are for.
- Following vaccination your child will be provided with verbal post vaccination advice and vaccine information leaflets will be offered.
- We are unable to provide specific timings for when your child will be vaccinated at school. The timetabling of vaccination sessions can be quite complex and is managed by individual schools.
- We are required to account for all children and young people, who are offered vaccinations. If we do not receive a **YES** or **NO** consent form for your child, we will continue to make contact via text, email and telephone until we have a response.
- If you require support with accessing and/ or completing the electronic consent form or require in another format, please contact us on the details on the front of this letter.
- If your child requires additional support to be vaccinated, due to issues such as *not attending school regularly, fearful of needles, highly anxious, long term health condition* please do reach out to us to discuss the individual needs of your child. We can support children with additional needs within community clinic settings, we also work closely with CAMHS to support children and young people who are needle phobic.

If, after completing a **YES** consent form you change your mind about your consent wishes, or your child receives these vaccinations elsewhere we ask that you email us via withdrawconsentimms@berkshire.nhs.uk (with your child's name, date of birth and school), to inform us and your child's school before the date of the school session. Please ensure that your child is aware that consent has changed.

Please also provide a written note to School Reception by 9am on the vaccination day, for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team including your child's full name and DOB advising us of your wishes

Is your child up to date with their routine childhood vaccinations?

Vaccines are one of the most effective public health initiatives that prevent children and young people becoming seriously ill with infectious diseases. In the UK all children are offered routine vaccination from the age of 8 weeks. Vaccinations are given at 8, 12 and 16 weeks, 1 year and then around 3 years and 4 months. In secondary school vaccinations are offered in year 8 and year 9. If you are unsure what they should have had please click [here](#). You can also check with their GP. If you think your child has missed any routine vaccinations, please either email or call us via our contact details to discuss. We can offer catch up vaccinations in schools or community clinics

For further information on the Vaccines being offered to your Child see below:

- [Information on the HPV vaccination from September 2023 - GOV.UK](#)
- [HPV vaccine - NHS](#)
- [Easy read guide to the HPV vaccination](#)
- [Immunisations for teenagers and young people - GOV.UK](#)