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**Parent / Guardian Invitation to Consent for:
2023-2024 School Based Tetanus / Diphtheria / Polio (Td/IPV) and Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY)
Vaccination Programme**

WHY SHOULD I VACCINATE MY CHILD?

Tetanus and **Diphtheria** are both serious, potentially fatal, diseases which affect the nervous system, cause muscle spasms and breathing problems and can cause damage to the heart. **Polio** is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause permanent paralysis of muscles and can also be fatal. Bacterial **Meningitis** causes inflammation of the brain and blood poisoning and can lead to life changing disabilities.

These vaccines are routinely offered in year 9 at school. They are given at the same time, as two separate injections, as part of the national programme for vaccination of children and young people. They are sometimes referred to as the 'Teenage Boosters'.

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

Vaccination is one of the most successful Public Health Interventions.

Public Health England have seen a rise in the number of cases of Meningitis W in teenagers and young adults. Thanks to vaccination, polio and diphtheria are now much rarer than they used to be but have still not been eradicated on a global scale. By having these vaccinations, students have the best opportunity for long-term protection against all these serious, disabling and potentially fatal diseases. Protection will then continue into adulthood.

ARE THESE VACCINATIONS SAFE?

The vaccines have undergone rigorous safety testing before being licensed for use in the UK.

They are well-established vaccines with a known safety profile, and like all other vaccines, unwanted reactions are constantly monitored.

Further information is also available on the NHS Choices website www.nhs.uk

How do I give consent for these vaccinations?

Complete the steps below, before the closing date and time, to consent for your child to have the Td/IPV and MenACWY vaccinations.

Your online consent form closes at 11am, 3 working days before your session date, which can be found in the accompanying email from your child's school.

1. Read the vaccination resources provided on the next page, within the frequently asked questions.
2. Click on the following link: www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP or scan the QR code at the top of this page.
3. Enter and confirm your preferred email address - *You will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.*
4. Enter your school code **SX126068** and click 'Find School' - *School codes are unique to each school and site. Use the code found on this letter, to avoid delays with vaccination.*
5. Check the school's name matches the school your child attends: **The Weald Community School**
6. Parent / Legal Guardian (with Parental Responsibility) to complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent - *Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP.*

We hope that the information provided helps you to make a positive decision about protecting your child against these diseases, for which vaccinations are readily available.

If you are unable to complete the online form, do not want your child to have these vaccinations, or wish to change your consent, please read the frequently asked questions for how to proceed. Speak to a member of the Immunisation Service by calling your local team, on **01273 696011**.

