



Immunisation & Vaccination Policy

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St Paul's Steiner School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Vaccination UK has been commissioned by NHS England since 2015 to provide school aged immunisations, including Influenza, to pupils across numerous counties and boroughs in England.

The role of the school will be to pass all information from Public Health England on to parents. Staff in school will not give parents advice on vaccinations or immunisations but will refer to parents health services.

School Age Vaccinations

HPV Vaccine (Human Papillomavirus)

BOYS & GIRLS - DUE IN YEAR 8 (AGE 12 years old)

The human papillomavirus (HPV) is the name given to a family of viruses. Different types of HPV are classed as either high risk or low risk, depending on the conditions they can cause. For instance, some types of HPV can cause warts or verruca. Other types are associated with cervical cancer. HPV is very common and is easily spread by sexual activity. As much as half the population will be infected at some time in their life. In most cases, the virus does not do any harm because your immune system gets rid of the infection. But in some cases, the infection persists and can lead to health problems.

A vaccine called Gardasil is used in the national cervical cancer vaccination programme. Gardasil protects against the two types of HPV, between them responsible for more than 70% of cervical cancers in the UK. A bonus of using Gardasil to prevent cervical cancer is that it prevents genital warts too. The vaccine consists of two injections into the upper arm spaced at least six, and not more than 24 months apart. Research has indicated that the HPV vaccine protects against cervical cancer for at least 20 years.

DTP & MEN ACWY (DIPHTHERIA/TETANUS/POLIO & MENINGITIS ACWY)

BOYS & GIRLS - DUE IN YEAR 9 (AGE 13/14 years old)

In total, you need 5 doses of the tetanus, diphtheria and polio vaccines through your childhood. This will build up and maintain your body's own immunity against these infections and protect you against the diseases. You receive the first 3 doses as a baby in the 6-in-1 vaccine. The fourth dose is given around the age of 3 as a pre-school booster in the 4-in-1 vaccine, and the fifth and final dose is the teenage 3-in-1 booster given at age 14 (school year 9).

The MenACWY vaccine is given by a single injection into the upper arm and protects against 4 strains of the meningococcal bacteria – A, C, W and Y. These bacteria cause meningitis and blood poisoning (septicaemia), both rare but life-threatening diseases.

Nasal Spray or Injected Flu Vaccination

BOYS & GIRLS – ANNUAL from RECEPTION TO YEAR 11 (4 – 15/16 years old)

Flu is caused by a virus. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children. It can also lead to serious problems, such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Children spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.

The flu vaccine for children is usually given as a single dose of nasal spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free, the nasal spray works even better than the injected flu vaccine with fewer side effects - meaning it's safe and effective. It is offered every year to children to help protect them against flu. The nasal spray vaccine contains pork gelatine. If this is not suitable an injected flu vaccine which does not contain pork gelatine is also available.

COVID-19 Vaccine

The 12-15-year-old COVID-19 Vaccine is organised separately and can be booked through the national NHS system: <https://www.nhs.uk>

Booking School Age Vaccinations

After school and Saturday clinics are available at Andover Estate community centre N7, Lift N1, Resource for London N7, and Islington Bangladeshi Association N1

If you wish to attend any of these clinics, please call or email them and book an appointment.

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For further information please see <https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/vaccinations>