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Dear Parent/Guardian

**20th January and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 HPV Vaccinations Stage One**

**Protecting against HPV (human papillomavirus vaccine) infection and reducing the risk of cancer. HPV is now offered to all 12 to 13 year old boys and girls**

This vaccine is given as two separate vaccinations usually given a year apart, the first in year 8 and the second in year 9. For further information about the HPV vaccination please visit - <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine.aspx>

Due to the closure of your child's school last spring during the UK lockdown, we were unable to offer the first HPV vaccination in year 8. Therefore we will be offering a catch up this year which will consist of the first dose being given in year 9 .

This is the first of two jabs – your child may have already had the first jab. If you need clarification then please phone the nursing team – 0300 3230032.

The second jab will be administered in September 2021 when the year group returns as Year 10 students. This is within the recommended time guidelines.

For this vaccination to take place we require a consent form for your child to be completed, this consent form will be valid for your child to receive both doses of the HPV vaccine. To complete a consent form for your child please follow the below link to do this online:  
<https://saint.sompar.nhs.uk/hpv/2020/west>

**You may have already completed a consent form last year, if so, you do not need to complete the form again, and the form from last year remains valid.**

**To clarify your child may have received their first vaccine in a community clinic, the second dose will be given in school this year. If you are unsure please call 0300 3230032. King Alfred School Academy is merely hosting the vaccinations and cannot answer these questions as they do not have the information**

If your child has already received their vaccinations via another route then please inform us so that we can update our database. If you would not like your child to receive the HPV vaccine please complete a form to indicate this so that we can update your child's records to reflect this choice.

Yours sincerely - Somerset SAINT