



**Information for Parents/Carers – Turton High School  
Re: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations**



**What vaccinations should I expect my child to receive this term?**

From January to May, the Immunisation Team will be delivering the Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations to both Year 9 and Year 10

**Why is it important to have these Vaccinations?**

**Some facts about the Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations**

Did you know that **Tetanus, diphtheria and Polio** are all diseases /viruses that can affect our nervous system, causing muscle spasms and breathing difficulties.

**Tetanus** cannot pass from person to person and is found in the dirt and soil, making it easy for the bacteria to get into the body through an open cuts or wounds.

Did you know that we all need 5 doses of **tetanus, diphtheria and polio** in our lifetime. Your child should have had:

- 3 doses as a baby at 8, 12 and 16 weeks
- A fourth dose between 3-5yrs before starting in Primary School
- A fifth dose, which is now due around 13-14yrs, to complete that protection



**Meningitis** is an inflammation of the lining around your brain and spinal cord. There are 5 main groups of bacteria MenA, MenB, MenC, MenW and MenY. Although the disease is rare, it is very serious and can lead to life-changing disabilities. The vaccine was introduced in 2015 following an outbreak of Meningococcal W cases. Up until then, teenagers were just offered a Men C Vaccination

**What do I need to do now?**



- You should have now received a link through school to complete a consent form. <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/26168201>
- Please do not worry if you have still not completed a form. There is still time. Please click on the QR code provided, to complete a consent form.
- **Please can you return the consent form, even if you do not want your child to receive these vaccinations, so we can update our records accordingly. Paper consents will also be sent into school for parents/carers who wish to complete a paper consent.**

For more information about conditions and vaccines visit: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/)  
If you have any questions, please contact the immunisation team who can offer advice or assistance.

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