

Subject: Forwarded Information: Meningitis Vaccination Records (Years 9–13)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see the information below which we have been asked to circulate to all families by the **Bristol Local Authority Safeguarding in Education Team**.

This is a routine reminder regarding student vaccination records and the upcoming MenACWY programme.

Message from Bristol Local Authority

Following news reports of a number of meningitis cases in Kent, which has resulted in 2 deaths, the importance of Meningitis vaccination is being highlighted to all parents and students.

MenACWY is routinely offered to all students during **Year 9**. We encourage all parents to respond to the invitation and consent process, which will come from the school age immunisation service, **Sirona**.

In Bristol, around 35% of older students in school Years 10 to 13 have not had their MenACWY vaccination. Please can you check your child's vaccination record and book an appointment if needed. You can do this via:

- **Email:** sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net
- **Phone:** 0300 1245 515 (for students in Years 10 to 13)
- **GP Surgery:** Alternatively, for students in Year 12 or 13 (and other individuals up to the age of 25). Meningitis is an uncommon but serious disease and, in many cases, can be prevented through vaccination which is safe and available. More information about MenACWY vaccination can be found here: [Meningococcal ACWY and diphtheria, tetanus and polio.](#)

Kind Regards,

BCC Health Protection Duty Desk Team

Thank you for taking the time to review this information.

Kind regards,

Blaise High School