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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Protecting against Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) and Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio (DTP)
for all children in school year 9**

Decision form: <https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/DTP>.
Unique school code (The Kings of Wessex Academy): **SM136783**.

In line with NHS recommendations, your child is currently in the year group eligible for the Men ACWY and DTP vaccinations so we will shortly be visiting their school to administer these. We are writing to provide some information and ask for your decision regarding this offer.

The Men ACWY vaccine (Nimenrix® or Menveo®) helps to protect your child against four types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). These diseases are very serious and can kill, especially if not diagnosed early.

DTP, (also known as the teenage booster), protects against Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio diseases in one vaccination (Revaxis®). These can also all be very serious diseases. Children who had all their childhood immunisations will have received previous doses, but this is the final dose to complete the course. If your child has had a DTP vaccination in the last five years, please state this on the form as they may not require another dose. (In most cases, if your child received an additional dose this would have been given either as a travel vaccine or at your GP or A&E department following an injury).

Please do advise us of your decision, whether this is a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to vaccination to ensure your child’s records remain up to date. Please let us know your decision by completing the form at the link and using the unique school code at the top of this letter. **Please complete this as soon as possible as the link will close at midday on the working day before the team attend school.**

The form can only be completed by someone with legal parental responsibility. If you have any queries about whether you hold legal parental responsibility and are therefore able to complete this, please contact us by email at SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk.

If we do not receive a completed decision form from someone with legal parental responsibility, a young person may be individually assessed on the day and if they can demonstrate an understanding of the vaccination and wish to, be able to self-consent. This is in-line with [Gillick competency and consent to treatment requirements](#).

If you would like more information about any of the diseases or the vaccines offered, please follow the links below.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/men-acwy-vaccine.aspx>,
<https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/3-in-1-teenage-booster.aspx>

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk or 0300 323 0032.

Yours sincerely

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