



## **IMMUNISATION POLICY**

### **Policy Statement**

Dulwich College recognises that immunisation is one of the most important weapons for protecting individuals and the community from certain serious and infectious diseases. It believes that every pupil has the right to be offered relevant immunisations in line with the programme set down by the Department of Health, Public Health England and the NHS England. Furthermore, it will co-operate with Local NHS Trusts in any immunisation campaign, in response to an outbreak of a particular disease or when an immunisation is offered as a prophylactic.

### **Immunisations**

#### **Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)**

The HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccine has been offered to all girls in school year 8 for over 10 years. From September 2019 the vaccine will also be offered to year 8 boys to help protect them against HPV-related diseases. The second HPV vaccine is given in Year 9.

#### **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis ACWY**

In liaison with the College and local Immunisation team (NHS) offer the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio booster and Meningitis ACWY immunisation during Year 9.

**Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)** In order to have protection against MMR it is recommended that two doses of the combined MMR vaccine be given. Each of these doses should have been given to pupils by a GP or other Medical Practitioner by the age of 5. If for any reason a pupil has not had either or both of these doses they will be offered the opportunity in Year 9. Any other pupil who has not had either or both of the doses at the appropriate time will be encouraged to visit their GP in order to access them. Boarders who have not had either or both of the doses will be offered the opportunity at another time irrespective of whether they are in Year 9 or another Year Group.

**Mantoux testing and BCG** In conjunction with a private health practitioner the College previously offered Mantoux testing and the BCG immunisation against tuberculosis to pupils in Year 9 (and Year 10 and above where not previously immunised). Due to a shortage of supply this is no longer offered. It is unlikely that the immunisations will be re-introduced.

**Influenza** The NHS influenza immunisation is offered at the College to all pupils in Years 1 to 11 inclusive on an annual basis. The programme is led by the local immunisation team.

### **Covid -19 Vaccines**

In liaison with the College and local Immunisation team (NHS) the Covid -19 vaccine is offered to year groups as indicated in the national NHS schedule:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

### **Overseas pupils**

Boarders and overseas pupils will be offered any immunisations needed to bring them up to date with the UK immunisation schedule. Those who need travel immunisations and malaria prophylaxis will be offered appointments at the Old Dairy Health Centre.

### **Medical Records**

A record of all immunisations given whilst at College is kept in the pupils' medical record. All records will be stored and processed in accordance with the College's Privacy Notice and the Data Protection Act 2018 (and other relevant data protection legislation) and kept until the pupil has reached the age of 25.