DULWICH COLLEGE
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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 cooperate 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 is offered to all Year 8 pupils to help protect them against HPV-related diseases. This is now one dose only and is given by the local NHS Immunisation team.

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis ACWY

In liaison with the College, the 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 their surgery 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 pupil who has not had either or both of the doses at the appropriate time will be encouraged to contact the NHS Immunisation team or visit their GP's surgery in order to access them.

Mantoux testing and BCG

This is no longer routinely offered to school children in the UK.

Influenza

The NHS influenza vaccine is offered at the College to all pupils in Years 1 to 10/11 inclusive on an annual basis. The programme is led by the local immunisation team (NHS).

Pupils in Years 12 and 13 in at risk groups can have the vaccine at their GP Surgery.

Boarders in Years 12 and 13 are offered the influenza vaccine each autumn by the College Medical Officer.

Covid-19 Vaccine

This is offered to boarders by the College Medical Officer if they are in the 'at risk' group according to the UKHSA.

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 pupil's medical record. All records will be stored and processed in accordance with the Privacy Notice for Pupils, Parents and Old Alleynians.

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