

# Td/IPV and Meningitis ACWY vaccination for pupils in Year 9

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## **TD/IPV VACCINE**

- Prevents tetanus, diphtheria and polio
- Is routinely offered on the NHS to pupils in Year 9

## **MENINGITIS ACWY VACCINE**

- Protects against meningitis A,C, W and Y
- Meningitis is dangerous swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal cord. It can be very serious or even fatal. Please see our FAQs for more information, or head to our website [www.schoolvaccinationuk.co.uk](http://www.schoolvaccinationuk.co.uk)

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQs, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQs enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours faithfully,

*Y Local Immunisation Team*  
Vaccination UK

# Frequently Asked Questions



## **Q WHAT IS TETANUS?**

Tetanus is a painful disease affecting the nervous system which can lead to muscle spasms, cause breathing problems, and can kill. It is caused when germs found in the soil and manure get into the body through open cuts or burns. Tetanus cannot be passed from person to person.

## **Q WHAT IS DIPHTHERIA?**

Diphtheria is a serious disease that usually begins with a sore throat and can quickly cause breathing problems. It can damage the heart and nervous system, and in severe cases, it can kill.

## **Q WHAT IS POLIO?**

Polio is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause permanent paralysis of muscles. If it affects the chest muscles or the brain, polio can kill. The teenage booster vaccine is called Revaxis.

You can read more about the Tetanus Diphtheria Polio vaccine here:

**[www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.5581.pdf](http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.5581.pdf)**

## **Q WHAT ARE MENINGITIS AND SEPTICAEMIA?**

Meningitis is dangerous swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal cord. It can be the result of infection with bacteria or a virus or as a result of injury.

Septicaemia is when bacteria enter the bloodstream and cause blood poisoning which can trigger sepsis. Sepsis is an overwhelming and life-threatening immune response to any infection and can lead to tissue damage, organ failure and death.

Meningococcal disease can cause both meningitis and septicaemia. It can lead to life-changing disabilities such as amputations, hearing loss, brain damage and scars. You can read more about the meningitis ACWY vaccine here:

**[www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.4118.pdf](http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.4118.pdf)**

## **Q WHY DOES MY CHILD NEED THIS VACCINE?**

The national immunisation programme has meant that dangerous diseases, such as polio, have disappeared in the UK. But these diseases could come back.