Dear Parent / Carer,

Your child is due to receive their **HPV vaccination**, which will be given in school from September. Your child's school will confirm the dates.

Since September 2019, the HPV vaccine is being offered to boys as well as girls. The first dose of HPV vaccine is universally offered as routine in year 8, the second dose is offered 6-12 months after the first. It is important to have both doses to be protected.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young people to protect them against the human papilloma virus which increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital areas.

More information can be found here (click link) <u>The universal HPV immunisation</u> programme (publishing.service.gov.uk)

We require the form to be completed by following this link, even if you wish to refuse. <u>https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv/2022/barkinganddagenham</u>

Kind Regards,

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