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HPV Vaccination Catch-Up Programme 2026

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

The HSE is currently offering pupils in 5th and 6th year another chance to protect themselves from HPV, by receiving the HPV vaccine, if they were not vaccinated when they were offered it in first year.

The HPV vaccine (Gardasil 9) is safe and effective, and the safety profile of the HPV vaccine has not changed since the HSE vaccination programme began in 2010.

Who is being offered this vaccine?

The HPV (Human Papillomavirus) catch-up vaccination is being offered to all pupils who are in 5th and 6th year, who have not previously received the HPV vaccine. Other year groups will be eligible in subsequent years.

How many doses of HPV vaccine are needed?

Most students only need to receive **one dose** of HPV vaccine (if someone has a weak immune system they will need 3 doses). Please visit www.hpv.ie for more information.

If your child previously received at least one dose of HPV vaccine and has a healthy immune system, they do not require an additional dose.

How to avail of the HPV catch-up programme?

If your child did not previously receive the HPV vaccine and wish to avail of it now you can contact your local school immunisations office for Carlow/Kilkenny on 056 7784500 to request a consent form and clinic appointment.

Kind Regards,

Carlow/Kilkenny Schools Immunisation Team