17 January 2020

Dear Parents of Year 5 Girls,

The School Immunisation Team of the Department of Health will come to our school on **27 February 2020** to administer a vaccination for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) to consenting Year 5 females. HPV is a group of viruses that can cause premalignant changes and malignant cancers of the cervix, vagina and anus. In Hong Kong HPV-16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58 accounted for 90% of cases of cervical cancer. These 7 genotypes are included in the 9-valent HPV vaccine offered by the immunisation team.

The first dose of HPV will be offered to Year 5 female students with the second dose of HPV being offered when they reach Year 6 the following year.

Please carefully review the attached form which includes and sign the desired consent or refusal. Completed forms can be returned to the Health and First Aid Coordinator in the Medical Office along the child’s original Immunisation Records before 21st February.

This vaccination is a parental option. Although our Health and First Aid Coordinators support our students, some students who are particularly fearful may feel more comfortable with an individual visit to their family Doctor.

Please read the enclosed information sheet carefully. If you have any queries please contact the School Immunisation Team at 2615 8584 or 2615 8567 during office hours.

Yours Sincerely,

Abigail Tibbetts & Sarah Walker

Health and First Aid Coordinators