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Dear Parents / Carers of Year 9 students

For your information, a message from the Berkshire NHS Immunisation Team:

From January 2018 the School Aged Immunisation team will be offering a catch up MMR programme alongside routine delivery of Meningitis ACWY and a booster dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio. This appears to have caused some confusion as we have received some feedback and completed forms from parents consenting to the MMR vaccines, when their children have already received two doses.

To clarify the catch up MMR programme is for children who:

- Received **no doses of MMR** as a child (normally given in the UK at 12 months and 3 years 4 months)
- Received **single MMR vaccines** as a child (these do not count as MMR) therefore two doses would need to be given of the triple vaccine
- Received **less than two doses of MMR** as a child

This programme **is not a booster** and is not for children who are up to date with the childhood immunisation programme and, received two doses of the MMR vaccine as a child.

I have attached the routine childhood schedule and a leaflet about MMR and would be grateful if this correspondence could be sent out to year 9 parents and carers.

Many Thanks

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