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Dear Parent,

Protection from Meningitis and Septicaemia

I am writing to inform you that we are offering a MenACWY vaccine as a new vaccination programme for pupils born between 01.09.2000 and 31.08.2001. This vaccine protects against meningitis (inflammation of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning) caused by meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y.

Our records show that your child is eligible to receive this vaccine which will be given by the Shropshire Community Health Immunisation Team at our vaccination clinic to be held on Friday 10th February 2017.

It is very important that they take up the vaccine. It is being offered in response to a rapidly growing increase in cases of a highly aggressive strain of meningococcal disease group W. (Meningitis is a serious life threatening condition and can leave you with life long after effects).

The vaccine also protects against three other meningococcal groups too – A, C and Y and will boost their protection against MenC.

Further information on the vaccination programme and meningococcal disease can be found on NHS Choices at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/men-acwy-vaccine.aspx>

Please complete the attached consent form, whether or not you wish your child to be vaccinated, and return it to me no later than **Monday 30th January 2017**.

Yours sincerely,

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