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## HPV Catch Up Programme 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Year Students

Dear Student, Parent or Guardian,

We are writing to you regarding the upcoming HPV Catch Up Programme for students currently in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year in secondary school.

This programme is designed to offer students who previously missed/declined HPV vaccination when they were offered it in First year, another chance to receive HPV vaccine.

HPV vaccine [Gardasil 9] aims to protect students against several strains of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) which is linked to health issues including several types of cancer.

**Note -you do not need to do anything if you/your child has already received the HPV vaccine [Gardasil ]. Details of previous HPV vaccination would have been recorded on the Immunisation Passport [ record] given to each student on vaccination day.**

The HPV Catch Up Programme will be delivered primarily in schools or in HSE clinics and the vaccine is free to all eligible students .

The catch up programme will run until the end of this academic year in August 2026.

### Who is Eligible?

- Male and female students currently in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Year who have not previously received HPV vaccine
- Home Schooled and students attending special schools born between 1/9/06 and 31/8/09 who have not previously received HPV vaccine

### How many doses of HPV vaccine are needed?

Most students will only require one dose of HPV vaccine

Students with a weak immune system will need 3 doses of HPV vaccine

Further information is available at [www.hpv.ie](http://www.hpv.ie)

### How will I arrange vaccination for myself/my child?

Students and parents/guardians can arrange a HPV vaccination by contacting the HSE North Lee Schools & Immunisation Team on 4225650, 4225649, 4225685 and requesting a consent form.

Yours Sincerely

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