# Information and offer of vaccination against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) in 5th grade

## To parent/guardian

An HPV infection can cause cellular changes which in the long term can lead to
cancer of the cervix, throat, genital organs and anus.

It is still important that adult women attend cervix screening tests regularly.

To be sufficiently effective, the vaccine is given twice, at an interval of at least 5 months and no more than 13 months. For pupils 15 years or older the vaccine is given in three doses within 13 months.

Your consent to vaccinate covers all doses. Before vaccination, the questions about your child’s health on the consent form need to be answered. Please, let me know if there is any relevant change in the pupil’s health or any side effects between vaccinations.

Information about vaccination appointments will be sent to you later.

## Are there any side effects of the vaccination?

Most people do not suffer any side effects, although the injection site can become red, sensitive or slightly swollen. Some people can have headaches, aching muscles or feel tired.

## When should you postpone vaccination?

If your child has a fever, your child should not be vaccinated; however, a common cold without fever presents no problem. Contact the School Nurse if your child has a serious or long-term illness, severe allergy or if they have reacted to previous vaccinations.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

With regards

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*According to the law (2012:453) for the National Immunisation Programme, all vaccinations under the child immunisation programme are reported to the national vaccination register. You can read more on the vaccination register at* [*www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se*](http://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se)