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Dear Parent / Carer

I write with a number of brief updates:

Meningitis

We are aware of the current meningitis outbreak in Kent and understand that this may cause some concern.

Currently the MenACWY vaccine is routinely given to pupils in Year 9. This protects against four strains of meningococcal bacteria – A, C, W and Y – but it does not protect against MenB (the B strain of meningococcal bacteria).

The MenB vaccine has been routinely offered to babies in the UK since 2015 as part of the infant immunisation programme, and so those aged over 10 will not have received it as part of the routine schedule.

If you are unsure whether your child has received a meningitis vaccine, please contact the Birmingham Immunisation Team on 0121 466 3410 or 0121 466 3300, as vaccination records are not held in school.

Those who missed the MenACWY vaccine at school can catch up via the NHS until the age of 25. Contact your GP for more information.

At present, those wishing to have a MenB vaccine would need to arrange this privately, as there is no NHS programme available for this vaccine for older children and teenagers.

Attendance Non-Uniform Day

Year 8 have, once more, won the year group competition for best attendance, regularly achieving over 96% attendance. This is a truly impressive statistic, representing attendance well above national average. In recognition of this year group's marvellous resilience, **Year 8 will have a non-uniform day on Friday 27th March.**

Given that the average earnings gaps between 'persistently absent' pupils (attendance 90% or below) compared to not persistently absent pupils is calculated to be £10,000 by the age of 28, it is brilliant to see parents/carers working so hard to maintain their child's attendance.

Extra-Curricular

Since September we have had 13,529 extra-curricular club pupil attendance. It is fantastic to see so many pupils joining in the excellent extra-curricular clubs we offer. Pupils that take part have said how much they enjoy clubs and especially trying something new with their friends. Please

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encourage your child to attend a club at least once a week and try something new. The spring 2 clubs calendar can be found on our website and this will be updated for the summer term next week: [Clubs & Extracurricular Opportunities – KEVI – Northfield School for Girls](#)

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher