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**AWARENESS ON HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV)
& VACCINATION GUIDELINES**

Dear Parents,

In line with the **Dubai Health Authority (Public Health Protection Department – School Health Section)** guidelines, we would like to share important information about the **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** and the importance of vaccination in protecting our children's health.

About HPV:

- HPV is a **very common group of viruses** — nearly **85% of people** are likely to get an infection during their lifetime.
- While most infections cause no symptoms, **persistent HPV infections** can lead to **warts** and various **types of cancers** in both men and women.
- HPV causes about **5% of all cancers worldwide**.

Why the HPV Vaccine is Important:

- It helps **prevent certain types of cancers and genital diseases** caused by HPV.
- The vaccine offers **safe, effective, and long-lasting protection** and has been monitored for over 15 years.
- Vaccinating **both girls and boys** helps protect not just the individual but also their future partners.

Note: The vaccine is **not recommended** for those who are pregnant, acutely ill, or have hypersensitivity to vaccine components.

We encourage all parents to **read the attached DHA HPV Guideline** carefully and consult their healthcare provider for more information about vaccination and eligibility.

Let's work together to ensure our children's long-term health and well-being. 🌱

Warm regards,



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