



Circular Letter 0036/2010

To: The Boards of Management and Principals of Post-Primary Schools and the Chief Executive Officers of Vocational Education Committees.

Vaccination Programme against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) in Post-Primary Schools.

The Department of Education and Skills has been advised by the Health Services Executive (HSE) that it is now commencing the national HPV vaccination programme. This vaccine will reduce the risk of girls getting cervical cancer when they are adults.

The HSE has asked the Department to bring the attached letter to the attention of all post-primary schools ([HSE letter](#)).

The HSE has set up a dedicated website (www.hpv.ie) and this website, along with the Department's website (www.education.ie), will provide any supplementary information likely to be required by schools in relation to the support they will provide to the HSE in its management of this vaccination programme.

The Táiniste and Minister strongly encourages' post-primary schools to co-operate with the HSE on this important public health issue.

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