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Dear Parents/Carers

National Chlamydia Screening Programme

All schools have a duty to promote personal health and, through relevant and expert deliverers, ensure that young people are well informed to safeguard themselves now and in the future against infection, including sexually transmitted infection. Over the last few years, as part of the above NHS national screening programme, many schools throughout England have participated in the confidential National Chlamydia Screening Programme.

Following a presentation to Governors, Hodgson agreed to participate in this important programme and has done so in the past. Many other Fylde, Wyre and Blackpool schools have already delivered the programme to their students.

This letter is to inform parents/carers of the programme outlined below which will be delivered at Hodgson Academy on Thursday 4th February and Friday 5th February 2016.

Year 10 will have an assembly at 8.45am on Thursday 4th February and Year 11 will have an assembly at 8.45am on Friday 5th February, delivered by the local NHS sexual health team. This assembly is aimed at raising awareness of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and especially Chlamydia, which is the most common STI in the UK and a particular problem among young people.

Following the Year 11 assembly on Friday 5th February, the NHS team will be on site during both morning break and lunch break to offer confidential testing for any individuals who consider they may be at risk. The test is voluntary, simple, painless and without charge. All individuals who present themselves for the screening will be given confidential advice by the NHS team prior to being tested.

Further information can be obtained from the National Chlamydia Screening Programme website at www.chlamydia-screening.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

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