

Dear Parents and Guardians,

COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 15 years of age

I am writing to inform you that we will imminently be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in school. Covid vaccinations will only be administered to children where a positive consent has been completed by parents/ guardians. If there is any discrepancy between child and parental view a call will be made to parents away from the immunisation sessions to discuss and catch-up vaccinations can be arranged where required.

This vaccination will be free of charge and our highest priority is making it easy for children to access one dose of the vaccine before the winter.

The main purpose of the COVID-19 school age vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine and may help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population.

We are only able to obtain consent for the covid vaccine programme a few days prior to the session taking place. Therefore, please look out for the link to complete the e consent via school and complete as soon as this is received to ensure your child does not miss out on the vaccine at school should you wish them to have this. The consent link will only be open for 48 hours for your school.

To inform your consent and decisions about the vaccine prior to receiving the consent please see information on the children's covid vaccination via this link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1019020/PHE_12073_COVID-19_parents_leaflet.pdf

The programme is open to all young people in school years 7-11 who are 12 years or older on the date of vaccination. The offer is currently only available in schools and not other venues. The vaccine is being co-administered alongside the nasal flu vaccine in school (where the flu session has not already been completed in school), the consent for the flu vaccination has been distributed via separate communication from school so please also complete the flu consent if you wish your child to receive both vaccines. Please note the Covid vaccine is not a live vaccine and there is therefore no risk to other children or unvaccinated children from this taking place in school.

The universal 12–15-year-olds vaccination is currently a 1 dose vaccine schedule, should this change or should your child be identified as clinically extremely vulnerable or identified as living with an immuno-compromised household member, contact will be made to obtain consent for subsequent vaccine doses where required.

Best wishes,
Charlotte Forward

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Information about COVID-19 vaccines is available
at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine.

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