





Invitation letter for parents of children aged 12 to 15 years of age

25th January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you that we will soon be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in school. We will be offering the second dose of the vaccine to those who have already received their first dose. If your child has not already been vaccinated, we are able to offer a first dose of the vaccine. I would like to ask if you wish to give your consent for your child to receive this vaccination.

This vaccination will be free of charge and our highest priority is making it easy for children to access the vaccine – whether it is their first or second dose.

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

During the vaccination delivery we will maintain the range of measures we have in place to keep you safe from COVID-19.

Your child's school may have a vaccination session already arranged. If not, it will be booked very soon. The school will inform you of the date of this, and the vaccinations will be carried out by an NHS immunisation team.

Please do take the time to read the additional information which is provided in the links below to help you and your child to make an informed decision about the COVID-19 vaccination.

The government have produced information for parents and carers, which you can read here: COVID-19 vaccination programme for young people: guidance for parents

There is also information for 12–17-year-olds, which you can read with your child: COVID-19 vaccination – A guide for children and young people

Please indicate your consent by completing the online e-consent. Please note that the cut-off for completing the consent is 4 working days before the scheduled session, so we kindly ask that you complete this as soon as possible.

To complete a consent form to have the vaccination in school, please click **HERE**.

If you would prefer for your child to have the vaccination out of school, you can also book for your 12-15 year old to receive vaccination at a GP Practice, Community Pharmacy or Vaccination Centre through the National Booking Service or attend a walk-in vaccination clinic. Please click <u>HERE</u> for further information.

By consenting you will be helping to play your part in reducing the risk of COVID-19 spreading.

Best Wishes,

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