

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The NHS is offering your child/ young person the COVID 19 vaccination

The School Age Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school on **12th October 2021**

COVID 19 Vaccination

The COVID-19 vaccination is being offered to all 12 to 15 year olds. COVID-19 is a very infectious respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. For most children and young people COVID-19 is usually a milder illness that rarely leads to complications. For a very few the symptoms may last for longer than the usual 2 to 3 weeks. The vaccination will help to protect you against COVID-19

It may take a few weeks for your body to build up some protection from the vaccine. Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective – some people may still get COVID-19 despite having a vaccination, but this should be less severe. Further information is available on symptoms on www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

The vaccines do not contain organisms that grow in the body, and so are safe for children and young people with disorders of the immune system. These people may not respond so well to the vaccine, but it should offer them protection against severe disease.

Currently the vaccine licensed for children and young people is the Pfizer vaccine. This is what your child will be offered.

Further information is available on COVID and the vaccine on [COVID-19 vaccination: resources for children and young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people)

COVID 19 Consent

We are now offering e-consent. **Please access the online consent form at the following link:**
<https://www.enfieldhealthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Covid>

The unique code for the school is

ENF139599

Vaccination information and consent forms

We would be grateful if you could complete the e-consent forms for vaccination as soon as possible. **If you prefer your child not to be vaccinated, please complete the 'no consent' section** and we will no longer contact you for consent.

Public Health England have a duty to protect the public from disease and this includes providing vaccination services which are fulfilled by NHS England working with Local Authorities and schools. This duty allows schools to share basic contact information with NHS England so they can monitor who has and who has not had a vaccination. **Our nurses may contact you directly to verify.**

Whilst we strongly recommend every child has their vaccinations, we will not do so without the appropriate consent for each.

If you experience any problems accessing the forms, please telephone 0208 702 3499 and the team will be happy to help.

Please note:

If no consent is received and if they can demonstrate that they are able to fully understand what is involved in the decision that they are making, your child may also be given the opportunity to legally consent for themselves to have these immunisations.

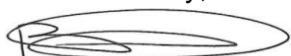
Similarly, if you consent on behalf of your child and they refuse vaccination, it will not be given.

The information provided on the submitted form will be securely held on the child's electronic health record until they are 25 years old.

The NHS Trust collects personal information to ensure that individuals receive appropriate care and treatment and to meet certain statutory obligations. This information is kept, together with details of the care provided, because it may be needed if you require treatment again. The Trust Privacy Notice provides more information relating to how your information is processed. Please see the following link <http://www.beh-mht.nhs.uk/privacy-notice.htm>

If you have any further questions or queries you can contact the Immunisation Team directly by phone or email, using the contact details at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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