



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

Dear Parent/ Carer,

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

We are writing to inform you that we will soon be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in school. We would like to ask if you wish to give your consent for your child to receive a first dose of the vaccine.

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.

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

Consent

Once we have your consent, we will offer your child the vaccination at the school session. We will not vaccinate children at the session in the following circumstances:

- When parents have not consented
- When children want to be vaccinated but parents have not consented
- When parents have consented and the child doesn't want it

Please indicate your consent by returning the enclosed consent form and checklist to your child's school by 9am Friday 24th September, we cannot accept consents after this time.

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

We are working with schools to confirm session dates across the coming weeks, please note that all children in Year 7 to 11 will receive a consent pack to ensure all those age 12 to 15 (up to the day of their 16th birthday) on the day of the school session receive the vaccination

offer. If your child has already turned 16, or will not have their 12th Birthday in the next 3 months, you do not need to return a consent form and checklist.

Please find enclosed :

Covid 19 Guide for Children and Young People

Covid 19 Parents FAQs

Covid 19 Consent

Covid 19 Checklist

If you have any questions, please contact our service on:

Email: County Durham and Tees Valley HDFT.COVIDimmunisationsDDT@nhs.net

Tel: 01423 557693

Best Wishes

School Aged Immunisation Service

Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust

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