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COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 15 years of age – 1st and 2nd doses

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that the School-aged Immunisation Team with support from other NHS experienced vaccination colleagues, will soon be offering first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccinations in your child's school. I would like to ask if you wish to give your consent for your child to receive a first or second dose of the vaccine.

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.

Once we have your consent, we will deliver the vaccination to your child in school. There will be one school session which will take place before the half term holidays and a further session which will take place between half term and the end of Spring term.

Please indicate your consent by completing the e- consent form – details on how to complete are in the box below.

By completing the consent form, you will be consenting to either your child receiving either:-
Their first dose of COVID - 19 vaccine
Their second dose of COVID -19 vaccine

Please note: There has to be a 12 week gap between a child having had a COVID infection and receiving a first or second dose of COVID vaccine. If your child has had COVID in the last 12 weeks, please ensure you give the date of your child first testing positive on the E-consent form. This will enable the School-aged Immunisation Team to assess if your child's vaccination needs to be delayed. If your child's vaccination needs to be delayed the School-aged Immunisation Team will contact you.

Important next steps:

1. Please take time to read the Public Health England COVID-19 information available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools>
2. If you have any questions, please contact the relevant team for your child's school on the telephone number overleaf.
3. As the COVID-19 vaccine will be delivered to your child in school, we need you to complete the online consent. Consent can only be given by a parent/guardian/adult with parental responsibility*.

* **Parental responsibility consent includes:** Mother; father named on the birth certificate or married to the mother; adult granted parental responsibility by the courts; adult with delegated authority consent (given by the Local Authority when children are on a care order).

4. If you are unable to complete the electronic consent form, please contact the relevant team for your child's school on the telephone number overleaf.

The team are due to go into your child's school

FIRST SESSION - Thursday 3rd February

SECOND SESSION – To be confirmed

The online consent form closes at 11.00am on Tuesday 1st February.

1. **Click on the following link:** www.BWimmunisations.co.uk
2. **Enter and confirm your preferred email address** – *you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.*
3. **Enter your school code: BW139196**
4. **Complete and submit the consent form**, indicating your choice of consent - *please ensure you provide your child's registered address and GP.*

If you do not want your child to have this vaccination, please still complete the online consent form following the steps overleaf indicating that you do not give your consent for the vaccination. The information helps us to plan and deliver the vaccination session in your child's school.

When you have returned online consent, please contact the School-aged Immunisation Team if any of the following apply:

- Your child receives their COVID-19 vaccination elsewhere (such as GP or chemist etc.)
- Your child develops COVID-19
- You change your mind about your child receiving/not receiving the vaccination

Details about your child's vaccination will also be put on their health record and shared with their GP.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information. Further information for parents about the COVID-19 vaccination programme for 12 to 15 year olds is available at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1018615/PHE_12073_COVID-19_parents_leaflet.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact your local School-aged Immunisation Team using the details below.

Yours sincerely

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