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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, children aged 12 to 15 years old are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

Please find attached a letter from the NHS regarding COVID-19 vaccinations and a consent form. This morning your child received a paper copy of both documents to bring home.

Please complete the consent form to indicate whether you do or do not want your child to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

Your child must return the consent form to their Pastoral Manager before Friday 15th October.

You can also find out more information about COVID-19 vaccinations for children aged 12 to 15 years old in the attached leaflet.

Please note that COVID-19 vaccinations, as well as all other vaccination procedures that take place in school, are administered by NHS nurses.

Yours sincerely,



Gerard McKenna

HEADTEACHER



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

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Dear Parent/Carer

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

I am writing to inform you that we will soon be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in school. I 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 you safe from COVID-19.

Once we have your consent, we will schedule the vaccination appointment.

Please indicate your consent by returning the attached form to a member of staff. By consenting you will be helping to play your part in reducing the risk of COVID-19 spreading.

Best wishes,

Juliet Brown
Programme Director, COVID-19 Vaccinations
North West London CCG

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



COVID 19



Vaccination consent form for children and young people

The COVID-19 vaccine is being offered to your child. Your child will receive their first COVID-19 vaccine and you may be notified about the second dose later. Further information can be found on the DfE website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people>

Please discuss the vaccination with your child, then complete this form by:

Information about the vaccinations will be put on your child's health records.

Child's full name (first name and surname):	Date of birth:
Home address:	Daytime contact telephone number for parent/carer:
NHS number (if known):	Ethnicity:
School (if relevant):	Year group/class:
GP name and address:	

Ask ALL patients ALL questions below and tick if any apply

EXCLUSION CHECKLIST – tick any that apply

- Has your child tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 28 days (by a lateral flow test or a PCR test)?
- Has the individual experienced major venous and/or arterial thrombosis occurring with thrombocytopenia following vaccination with any COVID-19 vaccine?
- Has the individual had any vaccination in the last 7 days?
- Is the individual currently unwell with fever?
- Has the individual ever had any serious allergic reaction to any ingredients of the Covid-19 vaccines, drug or other vaccine?
- Has the individual ever had an unexplained anaphylaxis reaction?
- Does the individual have a history of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia and thrombosis (HITT or HIT type 2)?
- Does the individual have a history of capillary leak syndrome?
- None of the above

CAUTION CHECKLIST – tick any that apply

- Has the individual indicated they are, or could be pregnant?
- Has the individual informed you they are currently or have been in a trial of a potential coronavirus vaccine?
- Is the individual taking anticoagulant medication, or do they have a bleeding disorder?
- Does the individual currently have any symptoms of Covid-19 infection?
- None of the above

Consent for COVID-19 vaccination (Please complete **one** box only)

I want my child to receive the COVID-19 vaccination	I do not want my child to have the COVID-19 vaccination
Name:	Name:
Signature: Parent/Guardian	Signature: Parent/Guardian
Date:	Date:

If after discussion, you and your child decide that you do not want them to have the vaccine, it would be helpful if you would give the reasons for this on the back of this form.

Ask for the [What to expect after your COVID-19 vaccination leaflet at gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people). It will tell you about the side effects and how to report them to the Yellowcard scheme at yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk.

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Date of COVID-19 vaccination	Site of injection (please circle)		Batch number/ expiry date	Immuniser (please print)	Where administered (hub, PCN, GP etc)
First	L arm	R arm			
Second	L arm	R arm			



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COVID-19 vaccination

A guide for children and young people



Find out more at [nhs/CovidVaccine](https://nhs.uk/CovidVaccine)

This leaflet explains the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination programme for eligible children and young people.

What is COVID-19 or coronavirus?

COVID-19 is a very infectious respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Very few children and young people with COVID-19 infection go on to have severe disease.

There is no cure for COVID-19 although some newly tested treatments do help to reduce the risk of complications.



The NHS is offering COVID-19 vaccine to children and young people. All young people aged 12 to 17 years will be offered a first dose of vaccine. The timing of a second dose for these 12 to 17 year olds will be confirmed later.

Some young people are at greater risk of serious illness if they catch COVID-19. They will need 2 doses of vaccine, 8 weeks apart.

Are you at risk from COVID-19 infection?

The children and young people at greater risk include those living with serious conditions such as:

- cancers (such as leukaemia or lymphoma)
- diabetes
- serious heart problems
- chest complaint or breathing difficulties, including poorly controlled asthma
- kidney, liver or a gut disease
- lowered immunity due to disease or treatment (steroid medication, chemotherapy or radiotherapy)
- an organ transplant
- a neurodisability or neuromuscular condition
- a severe or profound learning disability
- Down's syndrome
- a problem with your spleen, eg sickle cell disease, or you have had your spleen removed
- epilepsy
- serious genetic problems
- other serious medical conditions as advised by your doctor or specialist.

Your specialist or GP will tell you if you need the COVID-19 vaccination.

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.

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

Will the vaccine protect me?

The COVID-19 vaccination will reduce the chance of you suffering from COVID-19 disease. It may take a few weeks for your body to build up some protection from the vaccine. You should get good protection from the first dose. For those at risk, having a second dose should give you longer lasting protection.

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 [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk).

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.

What about giving consent?

You will probably want to share information about the vaccine with your parents and discuss it together.

If you are being offered the vaccination at school, you may be given a consent form that your parent/guardian should sign giving permission for you to have the vaccination.

The nurse or GP will discuss the COVID-19 vaccine with you at your appointment and will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Common side effects

Like all medicines, vaccines can cause side effects. Most of these are mild and short term, and not everyone gets them. With the vaccine we use in under-18s, side effects are more common with the second dose.

Very common side effects include:

- having a painful, heavy feeling and tenderness in the arm where you had your injection. This tends to be worst around 1 to 2 days after the vaccination
- feeling tired
- headache
- general aches, or mild flu like symptoms

You can rest and take paracetamol (follow the dose advice in the packaging) to help make you feel better. Although feeling feverish is not uncommon for 2 to 3 days, a high temperature is unusual and may indicate you have COVID-19 or another infection. Symptoms following vaccination normally last less than a week. If your symptoms seem to get worse or if you are concerned, you or your parents can call NHS 111.

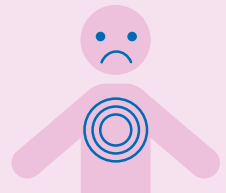
Less common side effects

Recently, cases of inflammation of the heart (called myocarditis or pericarditis) have been reported very rarely after COVID-19 vaccines.

Most of these cases have been in younger men and usually a few days after the second vaccination. Most people recovered and felt better following rest and simple treatments.

You should seek medical advice urgently if you experience:

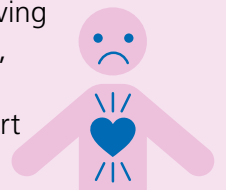
chest pain



shortness of breath



feelings of having a fast-beating, fluttering, or pounding heart



Keep your record card safe

If you or your parents or carers do seek advice from a doctor or nurse, make sure you tell them about your vaccination (show them the vaccination card, if possible) so that they can assess you properly.



Don't forget your
COVID-19 vaccination **NHS**

Make sure you keep this record card in your purse or wallet

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccination or what to do after your vaccination, see www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine

COVID-19 immunisation
Protect yourself.

The graphic features a stylized heart shape containing a crown and a syringe, with the NHS logo in the top right corner.

You or your parents and carers can also report suspected side effects to vaccines and medicines online through the coronavirus Yellow Card scheme.



coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk

Can you catch COVID-19 from the vaccine?

You cannot catch COVID-19 from the vaccine but it is possible to have caught COVID-19 and not have the symptoms until after your vaccination appointment. The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

If you have the symptoms above, stay at home and arrange to have a test.

What to do next

After you have had the first dose you may be given a second appointment sometime later. Your record card will show the details of the first dose.

You will be advised on the right timing for your second dose to help give the best, and longest lasting protection for you.

If you are not well when your appointment is due

You should not attend a vaccine appointment if you are self-isolating, waiting for a COVID-19 test or within 4 weeks of having a positive COVID-19 test.

How is COVID-19 spread?

COVID-19 is spread through droplets breathed out from the nose or mouth, particularly when speaking or coughing.

It can also be picked up by touching your eyes, nose and mouth after contact with contaminated objects and surfaces.



You MUST still follow any national or local restrictions and:

where advised wear a face mask



wash your hands regularly



open windows to let fresh air in



follow the current guidance



www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Further information

You or your parents should read the product information leaflet for more details on your vaccine, including possible side effects, on the Coronavirus Yellow Card website.

You can also report suspected side effects of vaccines and medicines through the Yellow Card scheme. You can do this online by searching Coronavirus Yellow Card or by downloading the Yellow Card app. coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/productinformation.

Further information is available from nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/



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