Dear Parent / Guardian,

As you may be aware, 5-11 year olds are being given the opportunity to have their 1st dose of the COVID-19 vaccination in schools, as announced by the four UK nations’ Chief Medical Officers.

COVID-19 is usually mild in most children, but it can make some children unwell. Vaccinating children can also help stop the spread of COVID-19 to other people, including within schools.

Parental consent to vaccinate your child in school is required in advance, for any COVID-19 vaccinations.

If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 and is not at high risk from COVID-19, they need to wait 12 weeks before they can have a COVID-19 vaccine.

The School Immunisation Team’s Covid Vaccinators, will be visiting your child’s school to give the vaccine from April 2022.

To book an appointment within your child’s school please use the below link:

[Northumbria Healthcare NHS | Scheduling and Booking Website (simplybook.cc)](https://northhumbria.simplybook.cc/v2/%22%20%5Cl%20%22book)

Any child under the age of 11 needs to be accompanied by a family member. If this is not possible, please contact the Immunisation Team on 0191 349 9633.

If you would like your child to receive their1st Covid vaccine, please complete the attached consent form and bring it to your child’s appointment.

Yours Sincerely

School Aged Immunisation Team