

Our Ref: KR-COVID-19

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Dear Parent/Guardian

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

I am writing to inform you that we will soon be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in your child's school.

The main purpose of the COVID-19 school age vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who are vaccinated and it may also help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in our wider population. As the COVID-19 vaccine will be administered in school, we need a parent/guardian/adult with parental responsibility to complete the consent form.

If you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form indicating that you do not give your consent for the vaccination. This information helps us to plan and deliver the vaccination sessions.

Important next steps:

Please take time to read the Public Health England COVID-19 information available at:

1. [COVID-19 vaccination – A guide for children and young people \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1017171/PHE_12073_COVID-19_guide_for_all_CYP.pdf)
2. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1017171/PHE_12073_COVID-19_guide_for_all_CYP.pdf
3. Complete and return consent Form by Wednesday 29 September 2021

If consent is not completed **and** your child approaches the school-aged immunisation team expressing a wish to be vaccinated, you will be contacted at a later date to discuss you and your child's wishes. Please be reassured that we will not administer the COVID-19 vaccine to your child in this instance.

If you have any questions, please contact the relevant school-age Immunisation team for further support.

If after completing your consent form you subsequently change your mind, please contact the school-aged Immunisation team and contact your child's school to enable us to amend your details.

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

Further information for parents about the COVID-19 vaccination programme for 12 to 15 year olds can also be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people-guidance-for-parents>

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

Liverpool: 0151 295 3833
Sefton: 0151 247 6352
Knowsley: 0151 676 5141
St Helens: 01744 624 353

Yours sincerely,

St Helens School aged Immunisation teams