



Your Growing Healthy Team are here for all children and young people, providing support, encouraging healthy lifestyles and protecting those who are most vulnerable.

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 17 years of age**

The **Covid 19** vaccination is being offered to all children in Year 7 to Year 13 who are aged 12-17 (up to the day of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday) on the date of the session in school. Our team is scheduled to visit your child's school as part of this programme. If you would like your child to receive this immunisation in school, please ensure you complete an online consent form.

### *How do I give my consent?*

1. Go to <https://fx.hdft.nhs.uk/CovidConsentForm/Covid19VaccinationConsent>
2. **Complete the form** with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information\*.
3. Under School Code type: **141013** and click "**Find School**".
4. Click the **green "Submit" button**.

**Please note consents need to be submitted before 9am on Wednesday 2 March 2022**

*\*Following your child being vaccinated in school, they will be provided with a letter and additional information about post vaccination care. If your child has specific medical requirements one of our nurses may need to get in touch before we are due to visit school. We never pass on your contact information to third parties.*

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

## ***Why is the Covid 19 vaccine being offered?***

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.

If your child has COVID or has had COVID within the last 12 weeks and is unable to receive the COVID immunisation at the school session, you are now able to take your child to be vaccinated at a COVID vaccination center.

## ***How is the Covid 19 vaccine administered?***

The vaccine is an intramuscular injection in the upper arm. At the session in school, we will always monitor a child for 15 minutes after administration of the vaccine to ensure support if they became unwell immediately after the vaccination.

The Pfizer BioNTech Covid 19 vaccine is used for this programme, Comirnaty is the brand name for the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine, it is exactly the same.

## ***Where can I find out more?***

Covid 19 Guide for Children and Young People

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

Covid 19 Parents FAQs

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19vaccinationfactsheetforparents>

You can contact the School Age Immunisation Team

Email: [HDFT.COVIDimmunisationsDDT@nhs.net](mailto:HDFT.COVIDimmunisationsDDT@nhs.net)

Phone: 03000032554.

Please leave a message if there is no one available to take your call. We endeavor to respond to all queries within one working day.

Yours faithfully

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