

Directorate: Adults and Health

Team: Public Health

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The offer of COVID-19 vaccination to 12–15-year-olds in Haringey

Following recommendation from the Chief Medical Officers, national Government has agreed that all 12–15-year-olds will be offered a single dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.

This is to protect 12–15-year-olds against COVID-19 and to prevent the virus from causing further disruption to student's education.

We fully support the decision to offer vaccination to this age group.

Please do take the time to read the information which is provided in the links below to help you and your child to make an informed decision about the COVID-19 vaccination.

The government have produced information for parents and carers, which you can read here:

[COVID-19 vaccination programme for young people: guidance for parents](#)

There is also information for 12–17-year-olds, which you can read with your child:

[COVID-19 vaccination – A guide for children and young people](#)

In Haringey, Vaccination UK will be arranging the COVID-19 vaccinations across schools and managing the consent process. It will be vaccination teams from the NHS who will be delivering the COVID-19 vaccinations to students.

Vaccination UK is an experienced organisation that routinely coordinate school-based vaccinations for children and young people, such as the flu vaccine and the HPV vaccine.

Vaccination UK will be making arrangements with your child's school to provide COVID-19 vaccinations within the next few weeks.

Vaccination UK will also contact all parents or carers via the school to provide further information about the COVID-19 vaccination and the consent process. Information will be shared with you to help you and your child decide if you want to accept the offer of COVID-19 vaccination for your child.

Please note that there has been some false information circulated to some families about the COVID-19 vaccine called 'consent checklist' which you should disregard. Any official information will be provided to you by the school from Vaccination UK.

Like any childhood vaccination, COVID-19 vaccination is not compulsory and can only take place where consent for the vaccination has been provided. Consent can only be given by you as the parent or carer. Some children may be mature enough to provide their own consent without parents and carers consenting. If you as the parent or carer have not provided consent for the COVID-19 vaccination, but your child has, Vaccination UK will make every effort to contact you and ask for your consent before proceeding with the vaccination. This is a well-established process which is used in other school-based vaccination programmes.

Please do not ask the school clinical questions about the COVID-19 vaccine or questions relating to consent as they cannot answer these. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Vaccination UK directly. The team can be contacted on 0208 017 7925 and via email: Haringey@v-uk.co.uk.

Regards,

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Dr Will Maimaris
Interim Director of Public Health

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Eveleen Riordan
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