



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/Guardian,

### 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). We are also offering first and second vaccinations, second vaccinations can only be given 12 weeks after the date of their first vaccination. If you would like your child to receive this Immunisation in school on the **19<sup>th</sup> January**, please ensure your consent form has been submitted by **midnight Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January**.

In exceptional circumstances, we may have to move the date of the school session. The provider for these vaccinations is HDFT however, some sessions will be provided by a sub-contractor Nimbus Care and Pharmacy 2U

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

1. Go to <https://fx.hdft.nhs.uk/CovidConsentForm/Covid19VaccinationConsent>
2. Enter your School Code 121694 and click “**Find School**”.
3. **Complete the form** with your child’s information and parent/guardian contact information\*.
4. Click the **green “Submit” button**.

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
- Please ensure you accurately report any vaccination your child has already received.
- If you are unsure about your child’s vaccination status, please contact your GP to clarify.

### ***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.

At present the school programme is an offer first dose of the vaccine and Booster doses to those children who have already received a first dose 12 weeks previously with evidence.

### ***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 feel 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 the same.

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

Covid 19 Guide for Children and Young People

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19vaccinationguideforyoungpeoplemainguide>

Covid 19 Parents FAQs

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

You can contact the School Age Immunisation Team using the below contact details:

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

Phone: 01423 553115 (option 1)

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 sincerely,

**School Age Immunisation Service**



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