



Dear Parent/Carer

## **NHS Universal Vaccination Offer for 12-15 Year Olds Against COVID-19**

**We are trying to improve the rate of Covid vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds at your child's schools as it has been identified as having a low uptake by NHS England. Please read the following information – we need the support of parents and carers to keep our schools and community well and safe.**

This letter provides information to parents of children who have not received their first Covid vaccination.

### **About the COVID-19 vaccine**

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your family, and your community from the virus that causes COVID-19. The available COVID-19 vaccines are safe and highly effective against severe illness, hospitalization, and death due to COVID-19, including from the Delta variant.

One dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is being offered to all 12 to 15 year olds.

For information about the vaccination programme for young people please see [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1017171/PHE\\_12073\\_COVID-19\\_guide\\_for\\_all\\_CYP.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1017171/PHE_12073_COVID-19_guide_for_all_CYP.pdf)

Further links can be found at the end of this page.

Please note that children who have had a Covid positive result should wait 12 weeks before attending for Covid vaccination.

### **Children over 12 years**

If you would like your child to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination. The following opportunities are available:

- **Booking an appointment via the National Booking System at a clinic closest to you.**  
Please book using the following link  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>
- **Attend a walk in Session, these can be found on the following link**  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/>
- **Wait to be contacted by your GP, who will invite you to a clinic.**

**Please ensure your child has eaten before attending for vaccination.**

**If you child has not yet reached 12 years.**

The Covid-19 Vaccination Programme is supporting an evergreen offer, for vaccine appointments, meaning that when your child becomes eligible they can come forward for an appointment at that time.

We would like to assure you that we are here to support you throughout this process, and if you would like to know more, or talk to someone about the vaccination of your child, please do not hesitate to contact us at [covidvaccine@locala.org.uk](mailto:covidvaccine@locala.org.uk)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. We acknowledge the huge part that you have all played, and continue to play, in helping to keep our community safe.

Yours sincerely

**School Immunisation Team**  
Locala Health and Wellbeing

## Frequently asked Questions

**My child has recently had Covid, are they able to have the vaccine in school?**

You should not attend a vaccine appointment if you are self-isolating or waiting for a COVID-19 test. If your child has tested positive for Covid 19 within the last 12 weeks and they are now back in school, they will be assessed regarding the suitability to vaccinate.

If your child is unable to be vaccinated on the day for any reason, alternative arrangements will be made to obtain a vaccine. This may be at a community vaccination site.

**My child has an appointment for another vaccine to be given in the near future.**

There is no evidence to advise that the Covid vaccine can not be given with another vaccine, however to ensure appropriate attribution of any possible side effects a 7 day gap is recommended. Planning has taken place to ensure there is a 7 day gap between Covid vaccine and any other vaccine programme being delivered in schools e.g. flu and HPV.

**Further information resources.**

COVID-19 vaccination: resources for children and young people - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Vaccines (who.int) Covid vaccines in General

Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))



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