





Invitation letter for parents of children aged 12 to 15 years of age

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you that we will soon be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in school. I would like to ask if you wish to give your consent for your child to receive a single dose of the vaccine.

This vaccination will be free of charge and our highest priority is making it easy for children to access one dose of the vaccine before the winter.

The main purpose of the COVID-19 school age vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine and it may also 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 you safe from COVID-19.

Your child's school may have a vaccination session already arranged. If not, it will be booked very soon. The school will inform you of the date of this, and the vaccinations will be carried out by an NHS immunisation team.

Please do take the time to read the additional 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: <u>COVID-19 vaccination – A guide for children and young people</u>

Please indicate your consent by completing the online e-consent. Please note that the cut-off for completing the consent is 2 days before the scheduled session, so we kindly ask that you complete this as soon as possible.

The link to the e-consent form is below:

https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/covid/2021/sandwell

By consenting you will be helping to play your part in reducing the risk of COVID-19 spreading.

Best Wishes,

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