



4th October 2021

Dear Parent,

Covid-19 Vaccinations for 12-15-year olds
Information for Parents of 12-15-year olds (and 16-year olds)

As a school, we have been contacted by the Primary Care Network who are supporting the School Immunisation Team to roll out the Covid-19 vaccination programme for school age children. The information that follows here is from the team about the vaccination and consent. The Team will vaccinate all students as part of the 12-15-year-old programme. 16-year-olds should have been offered the vaccination through their GP service. If your child is 16 and has not been vaccinated and you need more information, please contact us at school and we will direct you to the health team.

The vaccination date for students with consent at Tarleton Academy is Friday 8th October. Unless you are informed otherwise, your child will, with your consent, be vaccinated on Friday 8th October 2021.

If your child is 12-15, they will come home from school today with a copy of the consent form as provided by the Primary Care Network. These need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 6th October at 11.10am. The form has to be completed on paper and in full, electronic consent (as in an email) is not permitted. The consent forms will be passed to the Primary Care Network Team.

Along with this letter, we have sent you an electronic copy for your information and this can be printed and returned if the one provided is lost or damaged.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Hill

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Headteacher

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Information from the Primary Care Network:

In line with the DHSC's decision on Monday 13 September, the NHS has written to organisations that provide school-age immunisation services ('SAIS' providers), setting out what they must do to make sure all children aged 12 to 15 are offered a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination before the October half-term break. Providers are working with local GP Practices and Primary Care Networks, to arrange clinic dates which will be carried out on school premises under government guidelines.

At this time, Chief Medical Officer's advise that 12–15 -year-olds should be offered a first dose only, which will be of the Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccine, the only vaccine currently authorised for those aged 12-15.

The vaccine is safe, quick and effective. It does not give people the COVID-19 virus and does not contain any animal products.

This group are the latest to become eligible for the life-saving jab. More than 88% of adults aged over 18 have had both doses, and more than 56% of 16- and 17-year-olds have now received a first dose (matching JCVI's current recommendation) since this group were invited in midAugust. With the number of sites available to 16- and 17-year-olds growing all the time, it has never been easier for people in that age group to get a jab at a time and place convenient for them.

Children do not need to be registered with a GP or have an NHS number to be vaccinated.

We have enclosed information about the vaccination and what to expect after the vaccination, for Students and their Caregivers to consider, along with a consent form and pre-screening questions which must be completed for the team to carry out the vaccination. We'd like to make it clear that no vaccinations will be administered without explicit consent being given via the covid vaccination consent form.

Please return the consent form by Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 11.10am to the School Office if you would like your child to receive the vaccination.

Kind Regards,

Primary Care Network