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Your child's COVID-19 Vaccination

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust School Aged Immunisation Team will be visiting schools throughout Gloucestershire over the next couple of months to offer Covid vaccinations to children aged 12-15.

The COVID-19 vaccination will be offered to those children aged 12-15 years old on the day of your school visit, this includes children who had their first COVID-19 vaccination more than 84 days (12 weeks) ago and any child who has not yet had a COVID-19 vaccine.

Please use this link <https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/covid-consent-schools> to complete the online consent form and health screen for your young person. Consents must be received by **09:00am on Friday 4th February. Please note we cannot accept late consents as we require time to prepare the vaccinations required for sessions.**

It is important that you consent or decline the Covid-19 vaccination. A failure to do this will result in further contact from the Immunisation Team to ensure that you have received the offer of vaccination.

If you, your child or any member of your household become unwell with COVID symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) after you complete the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on the email: SAI.Covid@ghc.nhs.uk.

Please note that if your child(ren) are attending for their 2nd vaccination there must be a minimum gap of 84 days (12 weeks) since their first vaccination, should you attend before this date then we will be unable to offer your child a vaccination.

Please note, Covid vaccinations cannot be given to those within 12 weeks of testing positive for Covid-19 but can be given at any time interval with any other childhood vaccinations.

For further information please go to link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/who-can-get-the-vaccine/>

We would encourage you to discuss the information below with your child/young person when making your decision and what to reassure you that we will be working within the existing legal framework for consent, and that no vaccinations will be given to anyone who declines on the day, or in any cases where there is a difference of opinion about consent.

For further information for parents/guardians/carers, please follow the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1037877/UKHSA-12222-COVID-19-guide-for-all-CYP-12-17.pdf

If you have any questions you can contact us at SAI.Covid@ghc.nhs.uk or by telephone on 0300 421 8140.

Yours Faithfully



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