

Virgin Care Immunisation Team

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

COVID-19 vaccination CONSENT for children aged 12 to 15 years of age

I am writing to inform you that we will be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in school on the 23rd November. Covid vaccinations will only be administered to children where a positive consent has been completed by parents/ guardians. If there is any discrepancy between child and parental view a call will be made to parents away from the immunisation sessions to discuss and catch-up vaccination arranged where required.

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 may help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population.

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

Please see information on the children's covid vaccination to inform your consent via this link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1019020/PHE_12073_COVID-19_parents_leaflet.pdf

Please ensure you discuss the vaccination with your child and go through the above information (on the link) about the vaccine with them, so they are fully informed at point of vaccination.

The programme is open to all young people in school years 7-11 who are 12 years or older on the date of vaccination (this includes those in Year 11 who are 16 and have not received the vaccination).

Please note the Covid vaccine is not a live vaccine and there is therefore no risk to other children or unvaccinated children from this taking place in school.

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w: www.virgincare.co.uk

The 12–15-year-olds vaccination is currently a one dose vaccine schedule. Should this change, or your child is identified as clinically extremely vulnerable or living with an immunocompromised household member, contact will be made to obtain consent for subsequent vaccine doses where required.

Please indicate your consent or decline to vaccination by completing an electronic consent via this link:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/covid/2021/devon>

The NHS Number is not a mandatory field so please leave this blank if not available.

Please note the e-consent will only be open until midnight on Sunday 21st November 2021, it is therefore essential if you wish your child to receive the vaccine this is completed immediately upon receipt.

Should you need support in completing the consent or have queries relating to this programme please contact the School Immunisation Service on VCL.immunisations@nhs.net or via 0300 247 0082.

Please note should your query relate to missing the consent window for your school, the team will not be able to re-open consent for the booked date but you will be able to access the vaccine via the National Booking System. We are maximising the workforce of Immunisers available to work at each school session through our wider bank workforce however this will not always allow completion of the whole eligible school cohort. - [Book or manage your coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Information about COVID-19 vaccines is available at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine.

Best Wishes

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School Age Immunisation Team
Virgin Care Services Limited

23rd November 2021

COVID-19 vaccination information for parents of children aged 12 to 15 years of age

Dear Parent or Guardian,

As you know, we have been working hard to keep our school and our community safe this school year. Nevertheless, we are aware of the rising number of COVID-19 infections in this age group across England. The main purpose of the COVID-19 secondary schools vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who are vaccinated and to reduce the disruption to face to face education this winter.

COVID-19 is a very infectious respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Very few healthy children and young people with COVID-19 infection go on to have severe disease.

The decision to vaccinate is down to you as the parent/guardian/carer, and your child. I understand that you will have questions about the vaccine and the process.

What will happen next

You will be sent an electronic consent form organised by the NHS England School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) for you to complete, as well as an additional information leaflet from the NHS. The SAIS team will carry out the vaccinations and manage the consent process. The 23rd November is the date the SAIS team will visit Stoke Damerel Community College.

What will happen on the vaccination day

The process on the day will be quick and easy. The vaccine will be administered by trained and experienced healthcare staff. Whilst parents/guardians/carers unfortunately can't attend on the day, the SAIS team will do their best to support you and make them feel comfortable child during their vaccination.

If your child is absent on the day of the vaccination or unable to be vaccinated but consent has been given, or if you would prefer to accompany your child during their vaccination, then you will be able to book your child a vaccination appointment at a vaccination centre by visiting www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination. Appointments will be made available in most areas from the 23rd October.

Thank you for continuing to help keep our school and community safe.

Further information

- Here you can find answers to your questions as a parent/guardian/carer: [COVID-19 vaccination programme for young people: guidance for parents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people)
- If your child wants more information, they can find it here: [COVID-19 vaccination: resources for children and young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people)

Translations of the information for children and young people are available in [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Brazilian Portuguese](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Chinese](#), [Estonian](#), [Farsi](#), [Greek](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hindi](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Panjabi](#), [Pashto](#), [Polish](#), [Romanian](#), [Romany](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Turkish](#), [Twi](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Urdu](#) and [Yiddish](#). A [Braille version](#) is also available to order. Translated versions of the parent guidance will be available soon.