Thursday 16 December 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

**First dose of the Covid-19 vaccine for children aged 12 to 15 years**

I am writing to inform you that the School Age Immunisation Team will be offering an **appointment only Covid-19 vaccination clinic on Wednesday 29 December in Middlewich.**

This clinic is for the **first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine only.**

If your child has missed their first dose of the vaccine in school and you wish to book into the clinic, please call **0300** **123 4607** to book an appointment with a member of the team. The appointment booking line will be open on Friday 17 December and Monday 20 - Thursday 23 December from 9.00am - 5.00pm.

**We will send you a separate letter to consent for the second dose of the vaccine, which will be administered in school in the new year.**

The main purpose of the Covid-19 school age vaccination programme is to provide some protection to the children and young people who receive the vaccine and may help to reduce transmission of the virus in the wider population.

Further information for parents and carers about the Covid-19 vaccination programme for 12 to 15 year olds can be found on the Government website:

* [Information for eligible children and young people on COVID-19 vaccination](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-vaccination-of-children-and-young-people-aged-12-to-15-years-against-covid-19)

Information on all school age vaccinations and consent can be found on our website, including:

* [Guidance for parents (including FAQs): Vaccination programme for children and young people](https://www.wchc.nhs.uk/children-young-people/parents-carers/parents-of-school-aged-children-and-young-people/immunisations/)
* [UK Chief Medical Officers’ advice on the COVID-19 vaccination for 12 to 15 year olds](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-vaccination-of-children-and-young-people-aged-12-to-15-years-against-covid-19)
* [Information and resources for young people](https://www.wchc.nhs.uk/children-young-people/parents-carers/parents-of-school-aged-children-and-young-people/immunisations/)

During the vaccination delivery we will maintain the recommended range of measures we have in place to keep your child safe from Covid-19. The vaccinations will be delivered by the School Age Immunisation Team with support from nurses trained to deliver the Covid-19 vaccination.

Please indicate your consent if you haven’t already done so by completing the electronic consent (e-consent) form using the following link: [wchcimms.co.uk](https://www.wchcimms.co.uk/)

Each school has a unique code to access the e-consent form. You can find your child’s school code within the attached list.

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

If you have any queries about the new e-consent process, please call the School Age Immunisation Team on **0300** **123 4607.**

Information about Covid-19 vaccines is also available on the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/).

Best wishes,

School Age Immunisation Team, Cheshire East.