

February 2022

**COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 15 years of age – 1st and 2nd doses – 2nd visit
(after half term)**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that this term the School-aged Immunisation Team with support from other NHS experienced vaccination colleagues, have been offering first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccinations in your child's school. The team have already visited your child's school once and are planning to make a second visit to school after half term.

This visit will specifically deliver vaccinations to those students, for whom we have consent but were absent/unwell/refused/not yet aged 12 or not eligible due to having had COVID infection or their 1st dose of COVID vaccine in the previous 12 weeks.

If you have already given consent, we only need you to contact the team on the telephone number/email overleaf if any of the below apply:

- You have changed your mind and no longer want your child to have a COVID vaccination in school
- Your child has had COVID or has had a COVID vaccination since you gave consent to vaccination
- Your child has developed a new health condition since you gave consent

If you have NOT already completed a consent form and want your child to receive a 1st or 2nd dose of COVID vaccine in school, then please give your consent now. Consent can only be given by a parent/guardian/adult with parental responsibility*. Details on how to give your consent are overleaf.

By giving consent, you will be consenting to your child receiving either:

- Their first dose of COVID - 19 vaccine
- Their second dose of COVID - 19 vaccine

Please note: There must be a 12 week gap between a child having had a COVID infection and receiving a first or second dose of COVID vaccine. If your child has had COVID in the last 12 weeks, please ensure you give the date of your child first testing positive on the E-consent form. This will enable the School-aged Immunisation Team to assess if your child's vaccination needs to be delayed. If your child's vaccination needs to be delayed the School-aged Immunisation Team will contact you.

* **Parental responsibility consent includes:** Mother; father named on the birth certificate or married to the mother; adult granted parental responsibility by the courts; adult with delegated authority consent (given by the Local Authority when children are on a care order).

To give your consent:-

- Read COVID-19 vaccination information with your child. Information available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools>
- Follow instructions in box below

The team are due to go into your child's school. Thursday 31st March

The online consent form closes at 11.00am on Tuesday 29th March.

1. **Click on the following link:** www.BWimmunisations.co.uk
2. **Enter and confirm your preferred email address** – *you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.*
3. **Enter your school code: BW144799**
4. **Complete and submit the consent form**, indicating your choice of consent - *please ensure you provide your child's registered address and GP.*
5. If you are unable to complete the electronic consent form, please contact 01925 946936 or E mail BCHFT.schoolcovidimms@nhs.net

If you have any questions, please contact the team on 01925 946936 or E mail BCHFT.schoolcovidimms@nhs.net

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information.

Yours sincerely

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