

Be Your Best Self

Monday 15th November 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

COVID-19 Vaccination programme for Year 7 (12 years old plus) to Year 11

This morning we received confirmation that the vaccination team representing NHS England will be using the school site to administer Covid-19 vaccinations to our Year 7 - Year 11 students if parents or carers wish this to happen. The vaccinations will be taking place during school session times on **Tuesday 30th November 2021**. Details on how to give consent is in the attached letter from the School Age Immunisation Service (SIAS).

The school is required to support this programme by:

1. Providing details of students on roll to the local NHS School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) provider so they know which children are eligible for the vaccine;
2. Sharing the NHS SAIS letter below with our parents and carers;
3. Providing space at the school for the vaccination programme to take place and allowing for time away from the timetable where needed to enable vaccines to be administered.

The programme will be delivered by the local NHS-commissioned SAIS team (HARROGATE AND DISTRICT NHS FOUNDATION TRUST), which may include nurses, healthcare support workers, administrative staff, and other associated professionals who specialise in the delivery of school age vaccinations. The vaccines will be administered by healthcare professionals with appropriate qualifications, following the usual approach to school-based immunisation. Please note that the NHS SIAS will be the primary provider of the vaccination programme for Year 7 (12 years old plus) to Year 11 and will be legally responsible for the delivery of the vaccine, not the school or academy trust. We are only obliged to provide a venue for the vaccinations, as is the case with other school age vaccination programmes .

The NHS SAIS consent form offers you and your child the choice as to whether your child takes up the offer of a vaccine or not. This form also provides contact details for the NHS should you have any further questions about the vaccine or the consent process.

You can find more information about the COVID-19 rollout to Year 7 - Year 11 by visiting [COVID-19 vaccination programme for young people: guidance for parents](#)) and [COVID-19 vaccination: resources for children and young people](#).

How do I give my consent?

1. Go to <https://fx.hdfn.nhs.uk/CovidConsentForm/Covid19VaccinationConsent>
2. Enter the School Code **145777** and click "Find School".
3. Complete the form with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information*.
4. Click the green "Submit" button.

The deadline for completing this form is: Wednesday 24th November 2021 at the latest

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson
Headteacher



Your Growing Healthy Team are here for all children and young people, providing support, encouraging healthy lifestyles and protecting those who are most vulnerable.

Tadcaster Grammar School

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15.11.21

Dear Parent/Guardian,

COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 16 years of age

The **Covid 19** vaccination is being offered to all children in Year 7 (if aged 12) to Year 11. Our team is scheduled to visit Tadcaster Grammar School on **Tuesday 30.11.21** as part of this program. **If you would like your child to receive this immunisation in school, please ensure your consent form has been submitted by Wednesday 24.11.21. The on-line consent portal will be closed after this date.**

In exceptional circumstances, we may have to move the date of the school session.

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4. Click the **green “Submit” button**.

*If you provide a **valid email address** you will receive an automatic email confirmation to say your form has been submitted. Following your child being vaccinated in school, they will be provided with a letter and additional information about post vaccination care. If your child has specific medical requirements one of our nurses may need to get in touch before we are due to visit school. We never pass on your contact information to third parties.

Once we have your consent, we will offer your child the vaccination at the school session.

We will not vaccinate children at the session in the following circumstances:

- When parents have not consented
- When children want to be vaccinated but parents have not consented
- When parents have consented, and the child doesn’t want it

Why is the Covid 19 vaccine being offered?

- The main purpose of the COVID-19 school age vaccination program is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine and may help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population.
- During the vaccination delivery we will maintain the range of measures we have in place to keep everyone safe from COVID-19.
- At present the school program is offering the first dose of the vaccine.

How is the Covid 19 vaccine administered?

- The vaccine is an intramuscular injection in the upper arm. At the session in school, we will always monitor a child for 15 minutes after administration of the vaccine to ensure support if they feel unwell immediately after the vaccination.
- The Pfizer BioNTech Covid 19 vaccine is used for this program, Comirnaty is the brand name for the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine, it is the same.

Where can I find out more?

Covid 19 Guide for Children and Young People

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19vaccinationguideforyoungpeoplemainguide>

Covid 19 Parents FAQs

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19vaccinationfactsheetforparents>

You can contact the School Age Immunisation Team

Email: HDFT.COVIDimmunisationsDDT@nhs.net

Phone: 03000032554.

Please leave a message if there is no one available to take your call. We endeavor to respond to all queries within one working day.

Yours sincerely,

School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS)



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