



15 September 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As I am sure you will have heard it has been agreed by the Chief Medical Officers (CMO) that 1 dose of the CoVID vaccination will be offered to all children aged 12-15 years; this will be young people in school years 8-11 and those in year 7 who were 12 years old on or before 22nd September 2021. The School Immunisation Team has been asked to deliver this alongside the nasal flu vaccination programme and they have worked with schools for many years to provide school-based vaccination programmes.

You will know that schools are regularly used as a base to provide vaccinations e.g. HPV, but we do not have any involvement in consent nor do we take a view on whether it should be delivered. I have shared with my staff that we have been asked to host the immunisations, as is usual, but have explained that they should have no involvement in discussing this with students or parents, as is also usual.

I am aware of the anxiety surrounding this programme so I want to be as open with you as possible. I am also aware of the concerns regarding self-consent nationally and I need to reassure you that the NHS will not be vaccinating children without a positive consent form being completed by you. If there are any discrepancies between a child and parental view, they will call you away from the vaccination session and arrange for vaccination to be caught up if required.

Consent will be gained via e-consent for the vaccination programme, however for CoVID vaccinations they can only gain consent 4 working days prior to the vaccination session and the CoVID vaccination programme has to be delivered in a 6 week window, so all families have an offer before mid-November. This means that we will send you the information on how to give consent as soon as we receive it, but there will be a very short turnaround.

All queries regarding consent and/or the vaccine should be directed to the immunisation team [VCL.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:VCL.immunisations@nhs.net)

With kind regards

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