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Dear parent/guardian

### **COVID-19 vaccinations for 12-15 year olds in Birmingham and Solihull**

As you may be aware, all children aged 12 to 15 years old are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination.

The medicines regulator, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), has confirmed the Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective for children in this age group, following a rigorous review of the safety, quality and effectiveness of the vaccine. One dose of the Pfizer vaccine is being offered to children aged 12 to 15 years old, to give them protection against COVID-19.

This letter is to let you know about the local arrangements for vaccinating 12-15 year olds who live in Birmingham and Solihull. You may also receive a letter from NHS England advising you of how your child can have their vaccination, if they did not have it at their school.

Most children will have been offered their vaccination at school already, or have a planned appointment at school after the October half-term holiday. If your child has an appointment planned at school, this should be attended, and no further action is required.

For those children who do not go to school e.g. they are home-schooled, or currently excluded from school, or they missed their planned COVID-19 vaccination in school, for any reason, we are now able to offer appointments for you to book in Birmingham and Solihull.



These appointments are also open to any children who have turned 12 since vaccinations were offered at their school, or those who previously returned a declined a vaccination, and would now like to have one.

If you would like to book an appointment for your child, please go to the Birmingham and Solihull vaccination website: <https://www.birminghamandsolihullcovidvaccine.nhs.uk/student-walk-ins/>  
The website will be updated regularly and additional appointments will be added after half-term.

In order to provide consent, the child must be accompanied to their appointment by a parent or guardian, who has parental responsibility. This can be a birth parent recorded the child's birth certificate, or by means of a care order special guardianship, or appointed guardianship. For further information on parental rights, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities/who-has-parental-responsibility>

All children will need to wait in the waiting area and be observed for 15 minutes after having their vaccination. This is so that in the unlikely event they have a reaction to the vaccine, trained staff can help immediately.

COVID-19 is usually mild in most children, but it can make some children unwell. One dose of a COVID-19 vaccine gives good protection against your child becoming seriously ill. Therefore we strongly encourage you to take up this offer of vaccination for your child. Vaccinating children can also help stop the spread of COVID-19 to other people, such as to elderly relatives and within schools.

For further information about the vaccination programme for young people, visit: [GOV.UK: guidance for parents on COVID-19 vaccination programme for young people](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/parents-on-covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people)

If school child has received their Covid-19 vaccination at a clinic appointment prior to the school session and you have returned a signed consent form to school previously please complete and return the below slip to school where it will be given to the immunisation nurses.

Yours sincerely

### COVID-19 Children's Vaccination Team

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#### FAO – Immunisation Nurses

I can confirm that my Child (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

who attends (School Name)\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

has received their Covid-19 vaccine outside of the school setting on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

At (location) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian\_\_\_\_\_