

Dear parents/carers,

You should have received correspondence from us regarding the option to consent to your child to receive a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination at a specialist session for 12-15-year-olds being held at our school on 13th October.

In order to help answer any of your questions and allow you to make an informed decision with your child regarding the vaccine, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, in collaboration with the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Groups and local authorities, is holding some webinar Q&A sessions for parents.

The webinars, which are being hosted by a panel of health professionals, will include:

- An overview of COVID-19, including the risk of infection
- Information about the Pfizer vaccine being offered
- Details of how the vaccination sessions for young people will be run
- An opportunity for you to ask questions.

The sessions will take place on the following dates:

1. Tuesday 28 September – 6pm-7pm – join:

<https://zoom.us/j/99248286368?pwd=YUxHUUnF5WUdiTGlvVnTWIFWHBIQT09>

Meeting ID: 992 4828 6368

Passcode: 987229

2. Wednesday 6 October – 6pm-7pm – join:

<https://zoom.us/j/92929689468?pwd=RWVks0h3ZnNoUUJnb05mMDdNeHQ2QT09>

Meeting ID: 929 2968 9468

Passcode: 909497

More information about for young people and their parents about COVID-19

COVID-19 is a very infectious respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Very few children and young people with COVID-19 infection go on to have severe disease. Vaccinating children should help to reduce the need for children to have time off school and to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 within schools.

The COVID-19 vaccination programme in secondary schools will therefore provide protection to children who are vaccinated and help to reduce disruption to face to face education this winter.

A dedicated webpage on the COVID-19 vaccine for young people can be found on the Health for Teens website: <https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/health/coronavirus/COVID-19-vaccination-information/>

You can also download leaflets and find out more about the COVID-19 vaccine on the Gov.uk website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/COVID-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people>

Once you and your child have made your decision about the vaccine, please do fill out your consent forms promptly.

If your child is clinically at risk* (see examples of medical conditions below) please contact our clinics booking team on 0116 4975700 so that we can discuss specialist support or clinics for you and your child. Should you have any other questions or wish to discuss any additional support that may be required during the vaccination, you can contact the immunisations team by telephone: 0300 300 0007, or by e-mail: communityimmunisations.service@nhs.net

Thank you for your support.

***clinically at risk is classified as having any of the following medical conditions:**

- severe neurodisabilities
- immunosuppression – those whose immune systems don't work as well and also those who live with someone who is immunosuppressed
- profound and multiple or severe learning disabilities
- being on the learning disability register
- those living with Down's syndrome
- those living with long term serious conditions affecting their body.