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**Vyners School**  
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Dear Parent/Carer

**Subject COVID-19 vaccinations - 12 to 18 year olds**

I am writing to update you regarding the COVID-19 vaccination programme for 12-18 year olds. We are now able to confirm that COVID-19 vaccinations will be offered in school to **Year 10-13 students** on **Monday 4th October** and **Year 7-9 students** on **Tuesday 5th October**. We had these dates confirmed to us just yesterday afternoon.

Participation in the vaccination programme is voluntary. In order for your child to receive a dose in school, we need to seek your consent.

Thank you to those parents who have already filled in the consent form indicating whether or not you want your child vaccinated. It is not too late to fill in the form if you wish to - we are extending the deadline. **Please indicate your consent by filling out this [Google Form](#) by 12pm on Friday 1st October**. We will not be able to accept any responses after that point owing to the fact that we must give final numbers to the NHS vaccination team by Friday afternoon.

All children and young people are eligible if they are aged 12 and above.

However, any children or young people who have had COVID recently need to wait 28 days from the date of their positive PCR test before they can be given the vaccination. If this means they will miss the vaccinations in school on 4th or 5th October, they will be able to ask their GP for the vaccination.

Also, if your child is aged 12-15 and is in a **vulnerable** category, and if they have had one dose of the Pfizer vaccine, the NHS can offer a second Pfizer dose (as long as it is 8 weeks apart). If they have had no doses, they can have a first Pfizer dose at school and their second dose organized and coordinated through their GP.

This vaccination will be free of charge and the Government has made it a priority to make it easy for children to access one dose of the vaccine before the winter.

The main purpose of the COVID-19 school age vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine and it may help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population.

On the day of the vaccination, **your child will be required to wear a face** mask when inside the vaccination site (the main school hall). Please ensure that they have one.

During the vaccination delivery, the school will maintain the range of measures we have in place to keep your child safe from COVID-19. Many of these will continue to be in place throughout the winter (e.g. ensuring classrooms are ventilated).

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As per the information leaflets shared last week, your child may experience some mild side effects for one or two days following their vaccination, such as: having a painful, heavy feeling and tenderness in the arm where they had their injection; feeling tired; headache, aches and chills. It is our expectation that mild side effects should not prevent your child from attending school after their vaccination.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the vaccination programme, please do not hesitate to contact **Juliet Brown, Programme Director, COVID-19 Vaccinations, North West London CCG, 15 Marylebone Rd, London, NW1 5JD.**

Yours sincerely



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Information about COVID-19 vaccines is available at: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine).

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