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Dear Parent/Carer

Second dose of 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 **second doses** of COVID-19 vaccinations will be offered in school to **Year 7-13 students** on **Thursday 27th and Friday 28th January**.

Participation in the vaccination programme is voluntary. In order for your child to receive a second dose in school, we need to seek your consent. As you already filled in the consent form last time indicating that you wanted your child vaccinated, we will take it as meaning that you consent to the second dose. If you have changed your mind and do not wish for your child to receive a second dose, **please indicate your consent by filling out this [Google Form](#) by 12pm on Friday 21st January**. 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.

Obviously, if you have already got your child vaccinated with a second dose elsewhere, they do not need to come to the School Hall when their tutorial is called down. Please indicate "Yes - 2 doses" on the third to last question on the Google Form so we have a record.

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 12 weeks from the date of their positive LFT or PCR test, or the date their symptoms first started (whichever is earliest) before they can be given the vaccination. If this means they will miss the vaccinations in school on 27th or 28th January, 12 to 15-year-olds can now be vaccinated at the Winston Churchill Theatre site and Stockley Park (Howletts Pharmacy). Appointments can be booked via the [national booking service](#). More information (including about walk-in centres in Hillingdon) can be found [here](#).

This vaccination will be free of charge. 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.

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Your child will be required to wear a face mask when inside the vaccination site (the main School Hall), so please ensure that they have one (which they should have for school anyway). As the vaccination needs to be delivered into the top of the arm, **students who are receiving the vaccination are strongly encouraged to wear their short sleeved PE top to school on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th January**. Any over layers (such as Vyners hoodies, sweaters or rugby tops) should be removed prior to them entering the vaccination site. This will help speed up the process. Obviously, if your child is vaccinated on Thursday 27th, they will need to be in full school uniform on Friday 28th January. We are unable to give individual appointment slots.

During the vaccination delivery, the school will maintain the range of measures we have in place to keep your child safe from COVID-19 (including, but not limited to, social distancing and ventilation).

As per the two information leaflets provided last time ([guidance for parents](#) and [side effects](#)), 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.

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