



**Blackpool Teaching Hospitals
Vaccination and Immunisation Team
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

YOUR CHILD'S COVID VACCINATION

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals is delivering the school-age immunisation programme on behalf of NHS England.

The school-aged vaccination team will be coming into school to deliver the vaccine to children age 12 -15.

We will be delivering first doses for children who have not already been vaccinated and second doses for those who have already had a first dose. The second dose needs to be at least 12 weeks after the first dose.

Please note 12-15 year olds need to wait 12 weeks after having a positive COVID-19 test before being vaccinated.

Why your child should be vaccinated

Getting the vaccine will help to protect children and young people against COVID-19. While most children usually have mild illness, they can pass on their infection to others in their family and those they come into contact with. Getting vaccinated will also help to reduce the chance of disruption to their education from COVID-19. This is an important decision and further information is supplied with this letter to help you make an informed decision.

About the COVID-19 vaccine

Very few people cannot have this vaccine. If your child has had bad allergic reactions in the past, it is important that you read all the guidance. You can also discuss it with a health professional.

Please find the link below to the COVID-19 vaccination guidance for eligible children and young people aged 12 plus.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people/covid-19-vaccination-a-guide-for-eligible-children-and-young-people-aged-12-to-17>

Information for children and young people on what to expect after COVID-19 vaccination can be found in the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1034252/UKHSA-12222-COVID-19-what-to-expect-CYP.pdf

You can read the [Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine patient information leaflet on GOV.UK](#). (click on underlined link)

To consent to your child's vaccine please click or visit <https://www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Covid> or scan the QR code below:



Please quote the unique school code.

The code for your school is **BP145082**

The consent process for your school will close at midnight on 13/03/2022 please ensure you complete the form prior to this date.

If you experience any problems accessing the form, please call Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre 01253 951984 or Lancaster, Morecambe, Heysham, Carnforth & over Wyre 01524 519430

As in previous years you must opt-in to the programme. If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child, please complete the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

We are continually trying to improve how we communicate with patients. Please tell us if you need information in a different format or communication support.

Yours faithfully,

**Blackpool Teaching Hospitals
School Age Vaccination Team**