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Dear Young Person and Parent / Carer,

COVID-19 vaccination programme

The UK's Chief Medical Officers have recommended that the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination should be offered to all healthy children aged 12-15 years. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's Community Immunisation Service would like to offer the COVID-19 (Comirnaty (Pfizer)) vaccination in school. We would like to ask if you wish to give your consent for your child to receive a first dose of the vaccine.

This vaccination will be free of charge and our highest priority is making 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 may help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population.

During the vaccination delivery we will maintain the range of measures we have in place to keep you safe from COVID-19.

You will be invited to a session at your school. Your school will inform you of the date. 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. There is no cure for COVID-19 although some newly tested treatments do help to reduce the risk of complications.

The COVID-19 vaccination will reduce the chance of you suffering from COVID-19 disease. It may take a few weeks for your body to build up some protection from the vaccine.

Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective – some people may still get COVID-19 despite having a vaccination, but this should be less severe. Further information is available on www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

Consent for the vaccination will be required prior to the service visiting the school. At all times a joint decision between parent and child is strongly encouraged. However, parental consent will not be needed if your child is considered competent to give consent themselves. Children under 16 can consent if they are believed to have enough intelligence, competency and

understanding to full appreciate what's involved in their treatment – this is known as being “Gillick competent”.

TO BE GIVEN THE VACCINATION IN SCHOOL

- Complete a consent form ONLINE by visiting:
www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk
- Select **COVID-19**
- You will need the code for your school. For **John Ferneley College** the school code is **LE137617**
- You will receive a confirmation email when the form is submitted.

You can scan this QR code using your smartphone camera to go straight to our website



Top tip: Ensure that the email addresses match and that there are no spaces or punctuation before or after the email address and the school code.

You will need to fully complete the consent form prior to the vaccination session.

You will be informed of the vaccination date by your school. These dates are also available on our website, visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk/communityimms

We will temporarily close the system 1 working day before the session to allow us to prepare. The system will be reopened soon after the session so you can complete a consent form and further details of an alternative opportunity for vaccination will be shared with you.

To inform us of any medical changes or to change your mind about the vaccination, please contact the team.

If you are unable to complete this online, please ring us on 0300 300 0007 to request support. One of our team may need to call you back in order to complete the form.

The **Comirnaty (Pfizer)** vaccination is currently being offered as a one dose course and will be given as an injection in the upper arm. To read the patient information leaflet about the vaccination please visit: <http://tiny.cc/covid19forCYP>

For information about the national COVID-19 vaccination programme, visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations

The team will be offering the vaccination in schools. If the young person is absent on the day, an additional opportunity will be made available for the vaccination. The service will ensure that you are kept fully informed of these venues.

We are working closely with your child's school to ensure that all appropriate COVID safety measures are in place to ensure the safe delivery of the vaccine.

If a family member you live with is self-isolating or if you are experiencing any of the symptoms listed below on the day of the session, then **please do not attend the vaccine appointment.**

- **High temperature – you feel hot to the touch on your chest or back**
- **A new continuous cough – this means you have started coughing repeatedly.**

- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.**

More information

Additional information about the COVID-19 vaccination can be found by visiting: www.healthforteens.co.uk/health/immunisation The website is also a wonderful resource for young people aged between 11-16 years and offers health advice through interesting articles, films and interactive content.

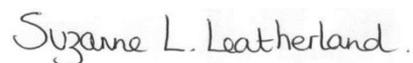
We are also planning to host online question and answer sessions for parents and for teens. We will let you know the dates and links for these soon and share the details on our healthforteens website.

If you are 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. Should you have any other questions you can contact the team or wish to discuss any additional support that may be required during the vaccination you can contact the team, by telephone: 0300 300 0007, or by e-mail: communityimmunisations.service@nhs.net

Yours faithfully,



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NOTES ON COMPLETING THE ONLINE CONSENT FORM

Visit: www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk

Select COVID-19 by clicking the “Click here” button next to it.

Enter and confirm your email address

Enter your school code: LE137617 and click find school. Your school name should appear.

We will temporarily close the system the 1 working day before the session to allow us to prepare. A message will appear asking you to try again after the session and offer you an alternative opportunity for vaccination.

Top tip:

- To find our homepage you can also search online for “Leicester imms”
- Ensure that the email addresses match and that there are no spaces or punctuation before or after the email address and school code.

PART 1: Patient Information and Contact Details

PART 2: Medical History

Complete the questions regarding medical and vaccination history.

PART 3: Consent Declaration

Complete this to give consent to the full course of COVID-19 vaccination.

Mature young person may be able to consent for themselves to have this vaccination without your agreement and health professionals will assess their ability to make an informed decision.

Sharing information: After the vaccination at school, a notification will be provided and the information will be added to the young person's NHS health records.

To translate the information on the NHS website into a different language visit:
www.nhs.uk/accessibility/health-information-in-other-languages

***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 your body.