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Dear parent or guardian

COVID-19 vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds

All young people aged 12 to 15 are now eligible to have two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination. A second dose can be given 12 weeks (3 months) after the first dose. Two doses of the Pfizer vaccine will give young people the best protection against COVID-19.

The medicines regulator, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), has confirmed the Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective for children in this age group, following a rigorous review of the safety, quality and effectiveness of the vaccine.

How will my child receive their vaccinations?

Vaccinators from the local Children's Vaccination Team will visit your child's school. This is likely to be after the Christmas holidays, with further information being shared nearer the time.

There will also be local appointments that you can book for your child at vaccination centres, as well as walk-in sessions, with no appointment needed.

A bookable and walk-in vaccination session for 12-15 year olds is available this weekend, **Sunday 12th December**, at the Solihull Vaccination Centre, from **8am – 6pm**.

Solihull Vaccination Centre
94 High Street
Solihull
B91 3TA

To have a vaccination at a vaccination centre or walk-in site, the child must be accompanied to their appointment by a parent or guardian, who has parental responsibility, to provide consent. This can be a birth parent recorded on the child's birth certificate, or by means of a care order special guardianship, or appointed guardianship.

Please visit this website to find out more about this:

<https://www.birminghamandsolihullcovidvaccine.nhs.uk/12to15yearolds/>

Is my child eligible?

Your child is eligible to have their vaccination if:

- For second doses, they must have had their first at least 12 weeks ago
- They have had their 12th birthday since vaccinations were offered at their school
- They previously declined to have their first vaccination, but would now like one
- They will not be able to have a vaccination if they have had COVID-19 infection in the last 12 weeks.

Further information

COVID-19 is usually mild in most children, but it can make some children unwell. Two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine gives the best protection against your child becoming seriously ill. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to take up this offer for your child. Vaccinating children can also help stop the spread of COVID-19 to other people, such as to elderly relatives and within schools.

In the meantime, for further information about the vaccination programme for 12-15 year olds, visit: <https://www.birminghamandsolihullcovidvaccine.nhs.uk/12to15yearolds/>

Yours sincerely

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