Invitation letter for parents of children aged 12 to 15 years of age

18 January 2022

Dear Parent / Legal Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that we will be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in school. I would like to ask if you wish to give your consent for your child to receive a first or second dose of the vaccine.

This vaccination is free of charge and our highest priority is making it easy for children to access both doses of the vaccine.

The main purpose of the COVID-19 school age vaccination programme is to provide protection to those who receive the vaccine, to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population and protecting some of our most vulnerable people. Transmission rates within this age group are particularly high leading to significant disruption and a high level of absences.

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

Your child's school may have a vaccination session already arranged. If not, it will be booked very soon. The school will inform you of this date and the vaccinations will be carried out by an NHS immunisation team.

Please do take the time to read the additional information which is provided in the links below to help you and your child make an informed decision about the COVID-19 vaccination.

The government have produced information for parents and carers, which you can read here: COVID-19 vaccination programme for young people: guidance for parents

There is also information for 12–17-year-olds, which you can read with your child: COVID-19 vaccination – a guide for children and young people (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Please indicate your consent by completing the online e-consent. Please note that the cut-off for completing the consent is 2 working days before the scheduled session. For example, If the vaccination session takes place on a Monday, consent will close at midnight on Wednesday. If the vaccination session takes place on a Tuesday consent will close at midnight on Thursday. We kindly ask that you complete the consent as soon as possible.

Click <u>here</u> to submit your consent form.

By consenting you will be helping to play your part in reducing the risk of spreading COVID-19.

If you wish to withdraw your consent, please contact Tipton Sports Academy Vaccination Centre on 0121 796 1504 between 08:00 and 18:00 at least two working days prior to when the vaccination is due to take place. This allows your consent record to be updated. Please also contact your child's school who can then update their own records. We would also advise that you speak with your child so that they can notify the vaccinators on the day of the vaccination session.

If you should have any queries regarding when your child's school will be visited or regarding consent for this vaccination, please contact our team on: 0121 796 1504 between 08:00 and 18:00.

Best Wishes,

Covid-19 Vaccination Team

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An out of school offer is also available Monday to Friday between 15:00 to 18:00 and 08:00 to 18:00 on Saturday and Sunday.