

21st October 2021

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

Dear Parent,

### **COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 15 years of age**

We are writing to inform you that the NHS will be offering a further opportunity for your child to receive a COVID-19 vaccination during half term week, the 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 at Ellowes Hall Sports College, Stickley Lane, Dudley DY3 2JH.

Please disregard this letter if your child has already received one dose of the vaccine at their school.

This opportunity is by appointment only and both parent and child must attend. It will not be possible for us to vaccinate your child unless they are accompanied by a parent who holds parental responsibility for them. Appointments will be available from 9am to 12:50 pm each day.

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.

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. During the vaccination delivery we will maintain a range of measures to keep your child safe from COVID-19.

In order to vaccinate your child during half term, we require parental consent.

The link to the e-consent platform is below:

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/covid/2021/dudley>

When following the e-Consent link you will be asked to search for the name of the school your child attends. Rather searching for the school your child attends we ask on this occasion that you to search for, and select, one of the following terms:

- Half term Ellowes Monday
- Half term Ellowes Tuesday
- Half term Ellowes Wednesday
- Half term Ellowes Thursday
- Half term Ellowes Friday



Please choose the term that relates to the day you would like to attend with your child for vaccination, for example, if you would like to attend on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October, please choose the term 'Half term Ellowes Monday'. This will enable you to complete and submit the e-Consent form.

There is a limited period of time in which you can complete the e-consent form. If you would like to attend for vaccination during half term you must submit your e-Consent form and book your appointment no later than two days before you wish to attend. For example, if you wish to attend on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> please complete the e-Consent and book your appointment no later than the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. For vaccination on Tuesday, it is the 24<sup>th</sup> of October and so on.

Following the submission of your e-Consent form please go ahead and book your child's vaccination appointment. The Link to the booking system called Simplybook is as follows:

<https://blackcountrymuseumpod1.nhsbookings.com/v2/>

All submitted e-Consent forms are subject to a review process conducted by the clinical team at Vaccination UK. Should there be a reason why your child cannot be vaccinated on your selected date the team from Vaccination UK will contact you on the number provided on the e-Consent form. Please be aware that a young person who has had a positive PCR test in the last 28 days should not receive the vaccine on this occasion. They will be eligible again after the 28 days has passed. In addition, your child must be aged between 12 to 15 on the date of vaccination to receive the vaccine in this settling.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccination, please see the attached [guidance for parents](#).

For information on what to expect after your child's COVID-19 vaccination, please see the attached [advice for all children and young people](#)

If you require further information to inform your decision on giving consent for your child to receive the vaccination, please seek further advice from your GP.

Please note that the offer of a COVID-19 vaccine is evergreen and will continue to be available to all those who want to be vaccinated in the future.

Best wishes,



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