

Autumn term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the recommendation by the Government, the Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust (SHFT) School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) will be visiting all secondary schools in Hampshire over the next 6 weeks. We will be offering a single dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to students in years 7-11 who are aged 12 – 15 years.

We plan to visit your child's school on Wednesday 6th October 2021.

If your child is in year 7 and will not be 12 years of age by the date of the school session you should not complete the consent form.

Consent process

All parents or those with parental responsibility are asked for consent and we encourage you to make this decision together with your child and complete the consent form.

If the person with parental responsibility has not returned the consent form, but the child still wishes to receive the vaccination we will aim to contact you and discuss further options. No vaccine will be administered without valid consent from a parent/carer.

The paper consent form will need to be completed and returned to school at least **24 - 48** hours in advance of your child's vaccination session. This will allow the immunisation team to review the form and ensure your child can receive the vaccination. If you do not wish for your child to be vaccinated, this should be completed on the same form and returned to school.

For information about the COVID-19 vaccination and what to expect please see below or scan the QR code with your smart phone.



[COVID-19 vaccination – A guide for children and young people \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

[What to expect after your COVID-19 vaccination – Advice for children and young people \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

[Accessible/Easy read resource and consent form](#)



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-easy-read-resources-for-children-and-young-people>

If you have any questions, please contact the School-Aged Immunisation team at:

South East (Havant, Fareham, Gosport): southeasthantsimmunisationteam@southernhealth.nhs.uk

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Yours faithfully

School Age Immunisation Service