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Dear Parent or Guardian

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS FOR 12 TO 15-YEAR-OLDS

The Covid 19 vaccination has been offered in your child's school. The offer is for all children who are aged 12 and over.

If your child was not vaccinated in school, we would like to remind you that you are still able to book a vaccination appointment for your child at a local vaccination site. The NHS national booking service (NBS) is now available to book a COVID-19 vaccination at a convenient location in the same way as people aged 16 and over. All appointments offered will be outside of school hours, including evenings and weekends – with daytime appointments available during holidays. More locations and appointments will be added regularly to the NHS NBS.

Why is the Covid 19 vaccine being offered?

Getting the vaccine will help to protect children and young people against COVID-19. Whilst most children usually have mild illness, they can pass on their infection to others in their family and those they come into contact with. Getting vaccinated will also help to reduce the chance of disruption to their education from COVID-19.

How to book your child's vaccination

To book online visit www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or you can contact the NHS NBS on the phone by calling NHS 119 for:

- Durham Arnison Vaccination Centre, DH1 5FA

Where can I find out more?

Covid 19 Guide for Children and Young People

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19vaccinationguideforyoungpeoplemainguide>

Covid 19 Parents FAQs

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19vaccinationfactsheetforparents>

Yours sincerely

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Dr Stewart Findlay
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