

Covid 19 Vaccination – Frequently asked question for parents/carers

My child is 11 when the vaccination takes place. Are they eligible?

Do not attempt to submit a consent form for your child if they are not 12 at the time of the vaccination visit. The system should also prevent you from doing so when you enter the date of birth. The first wave of vaccinations is running up to the 22nd October. We are planning clinics for those that have not had their 12th birthday by then, or who have missed it for other reasons, to be offered the vaccine. More information will be sent via schools shortly.

My child is 16 when the vaccination takes place.

If your child is 16 on the date of the vaccination, they will be eligible to attend other sites within Coventry and Warwickshire in order to receive their vaccination. Please see the following website for the sites able to accommodate these appointments via walk-ins:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/>

My child will not be in school on the day of vaccination.

We are planning clinics for those who will miss the vaccination in school. More information will be sent via schools shortly.

My child has or has recently had Covid-19 infection.

The vaccine will not be given to anyone who has tested positive for Covid in the 28 days before their vaccination day. We are planning clinics for those who will miss the vaccination in school. More information will be sent via schools shortly. Please notify us at the email address should your child test positive between your consent submission and the date of the vaccination service attending their school.

Can my child consent on their own for the Covid-19 Vaccine?

For children under 16, consent is sought from a person with parental responsibility, forms will be sent out prior to the vaccination date. An agreement between the child and parents is encouraged ahead of the vaccination date. If a child is deemed to have sufficient understanding and intelligence to understand what is proposed, care and treatment can be provided without parental consent. This is known as “Gillick competence”

What is Gillick Competence?

The Gillick test ensures that if a child under the age of 16 has sufficient understanding and intelligence to understand what is proposed, care and treatment can be provided without parental consent. Assessing Gillick competence is the role of the registered nurses in the SAIS. This is a well-established practice used in other school-based vaccination programmes. Schools are not responsible for securing parental or child consent.

I do not consent for my child to have the vaccine.

Please complete the consent form via the link sent from your child's school, stating DO NOT CONSENT. The option to not give consent, as is the case with the option to give consent, is made available the end of the form.

Which vaccine will be used?

Your son/daughter will receive the Comirnaty Covid-19 mRNA vaccine, which is more commonly known as the Pfizer vaccine.

Can I arrange for a vaccination at an alternative location?

The first wave of vaccinations is running up to the 22nd October. We are unable to offer vaccinations within this wave at an alternative location, however we are planning clinics for those that may wish to have this elsewhere to be offered the vaccine in future. More information will be sent via schools shortly.

I cannot access the link, can I send through my consent via email?

We are unfortunately not able to accept any consent submissions via email, only those that do not consent. For any issues with the link, please try an alternative browser, device and also try it again later to see if that fixes it as it may just be that the server is busy and unable to handle your request at that time. Links will expire at 12:00 noon on the specified date. If you have missed the deadline for the consent link, please be advised that more information will be shared with schools shortly about the future possibilities for vaccination.

I've missed the deadline on the portal, can I still submit consent?

We are not able to accept any new consent submissions after the deadline for the e-consent portal closes. This applies for any email submissions, or by calling through to give consent over the phone. Please be advised that more information will be shared with schools shortly about the future possibilities for vaccination if you have missed this deadline.

I've changed my mind after submitting via the portal and I no longer wish to give consent?

Please email us at least 2 working days before the vaccination service is due to visit your school (if possible) to inform us of this decision to withdraw consent, stating the name and date of birth of the child, along with the school they attend. This allows us sufficient time to log your request and update our records, to ensure your child is not called forwards for vaccinations. It is also a good idea to make both your school and your child aware that consent has been withdrawn.

Who do I contact if I have any further questions?

Please email the following email address for any further questions:

CWPTSchoolCovidVaccinations@covwarkpt.nhs.uk