

## Covid 19 Vaccination – Frequently asked question for parents/carers

My child's date of birth is not accepted on the form. –

- **We have reconfigured the DOB ranges. Please resubmit your consent.**

My child is 11 when the vaccination takes place.

- **The first wave of vaccinations is running up to the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. We are planning clinics for those that have not had their 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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**

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.**