



Berkshire School-aged Immunisation Team

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Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID-19 vaccination for young people aged 5 years and upwards who attend a Special Educational Needs (SEN) school in Berkshire

It has been recognised nationally that children within SEN schools can sometimes find vaccination within a school setting less traumatic as they are within a familiar environment, which is non-clinical and where there is additional support from staff who are familiar with the children's social, emotional, and physical needs. Therefore, the school-aged immunisation team will be returning to your child's school this Spring Term to offer Covid Vaccination. This means that the team can administer:

- 1st doses (to any child aged 5 and over who has never received a covid vaccine before),
- 2nd doses (for children aged 5 and over who received a 1st dose (leaving an interval of at least 8 weeks in between)
- booster dose (for children aged 5 and over who have completed their primary course at least 3 months prior).

COVID-19 is a very infectious respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Most children who get COVID-19 have no symptoms. Those that do, have mild symptoms like a bad cold. A few children and young people will get very poorly and must go to hospital, these children often have underlying health needs that make them more susceptible to serious complications from Covid.

We will be visiting your child's school **Manor Green School** on **18 January 2023**. If your child requires a 1st, 2nd or booster dose of Covid and you did not complete a consent form in the Autumn term then, please use the following link [Vaccination Consent \(berkshireimmunisations.co.uk\)](https://berkshireimmunisations.co.uk) and school code **BK110183** to complete a form. This form should be submitted by 9am **48 working hours** before your session to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone 0300 365 0077 and the team will be happy to help you.

Please note – if we vaccinated your child with covid in school within the Autumn term and they were absent, refused and/ or require further doses then we will offer the required dose of vaccination when we return. This means that you DO NOT need to complete another form. If however you no longer wish for your child to be vaccinated, or they have since been vaccinated elsewhere we ask

that you let us know via the contact details at the top of this letter so that we can update your child's records.

We ask for your child's NHS number on all consent forms, this allows your child's immunisation to be recorded on their GP records. The NHS number can be found via [Find your NHS number - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

For further information see: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

***Is your child up to date with their routine childhood vaccinations?** Vaccination saves lives and is the most important thing we can do to protect ourselves and our children against ill health. Please contact us using the details above if your child is outstanding any vaccinations.

Kind Regards,

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