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|  | Immunisations  Children & Families Division  Birmingham Community Healthcare  NHS Foundation Trust |

Dear Parent /Guardian

**17TH November 2021 – National update to Covid 19 vaccinations**

A two dose schedule of vaccination has been recommended for healthy 16-17s and an initial first dose for healthy 12-15s.

Previously the Green Book –Immunisation against infectious disease advised that vaccination should be deferred until clinical recovery from covid-19 infection to around four weeks after onset of symptoms or four weeks from the first confirmed positive specimen in those who are asymptomatic.

It also recognised that vaccination of individuals who may be infected but asymptomatic or incubating COVID-19 infection is unlikely to have a detrimental effect on the illness.

**As a precautionary measure after review of the latest clinical data by JCVI, UKHSA have updated the** [**Green Book**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1033391/Greenbook_chapter_14a_15Nov21.pdf) **to amend this deferral period to 12 weeks for those under 18.**

The green book now says:

In younger people, protection from natural infection is likely to be high for a period of months, and vaccination in those recently infected may increase the chance of side effects.

**Therefore,** **vaccination should ideally be deferred till at least twelve weeks from onset (or sample date) in children and young people under 18 years who are not in clinical risk groups.**

The Immunisation Team is due to visit your child’s school before 17th December 2021 to see the children who are requesting the Covid 19 vaccination.

If you have consented for your child to have the Covid 19 vaccination in school and

your child has **either had the Covid 19 in the last 12 weeks or tests positive between now and the 17th December 2021** please complete the slip below and ask your child to bring it into school on the day of the vaccinations and give to the nurses or contact us on email [BCHC.Covidschools@nhs.net](mailto:BCHC.Covidschools@nhs.net)

Please ask the school for the date of the Covid 19 vaccination session.

It is important we are advised of this information to allow us to re-schedule the vaccination for you child within the new recommended guidelines

For the attention of the Immunisation Team –BCHC

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| Child Name  Date Of Birth  School Year Group/Form  Date of positive Covid 19 test  Parent/Guardians name  Contact Number |