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Invitation letter for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years of age

Dear parent

COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 5 to 11 years of age

We have sent you this letter to inform you that your child is now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

This follows new guidance issued by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), who recommend that children aged 5–11-year-old should be vaccinated to boost immunity and increase their protection against any future waves of COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccine is already making a big difference to help protect us all. The vaccine does not remove the virus, but research and experience shows it can prevent the worst effects of COVID-19 and reduce the risk of infection to your child and those around them.

From the 4 April 2022, you can walk in or book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment for your child at the following local sites:

- **Saddlers Vaccination Centre, Saddlers Shopping Centre, Bridgeman Street, Walsall**
- **Tipton Sports Academy, Wednesbury Oak Road, Tipton,**
- **Sandwell Cardiac Rehab Gym, City Hospital, West Birmingham**
- **Saltwells Vaccination Centre, Bowling Green Road, Dudley**

Children aged 5-11 with no other underlying health conditions will be offered two paediatric (child) doses of the vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses. A paediatric dose is smaller than doses given to those aged 12 and over.

Please note if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 their vaccine should be delayed until at least 12 weeks from the date their symptoms started or, if they had no symptoms, from the date of the positive PCR test.

In order to vaccinate your child, we require parental consent. A parent or legal guardian should accompany your child and will be given the opportunity to ask questions prior to asking for your consent and for your child's consent.



The NHS wants to support families to make an informed choice, and to make things convenient and child-friendly for those who do decide to get it. Information to help you is available online at bit.ly/3u1UAbN.

Information on what to expect after your child's COVID-19 vaccine is also available at bit.ly/3u1Yz8h.

How to book your child's vaccination

To book online:

- Visit www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination

To book on the phone:

- If you cannot book your appointment online, phone 119 free of charge, 7am to 11pm, 7 days a week. You can ask someone else to do this for you. Please let us know if you need an interpreter.
- You can use text phone 18001 119 or the NHS British Sign Language interpreter service at www.interpreternow.co.uk/nhs119

Please note that the offer of a COVID-19 vaccine is evergreen and will continue to be available to all those who want to be vaccinated in the future.

Best wishes,



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