

February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Children aged 5-11 who are at serious risk from the complications of COVID-19 infection are now recommended to receive two doses of COVID-19 vaccination (Pfizer) 8 weeks apart. Children with the following conditions are therefore invited to have this vaccination:

- severe neurodisabilities
- immunosuppression – those whose immune systems don't work as well, and those who live with someone who is immunosuppressed
- profound and multiple or severe learning disabilities
- being on the learning disability register
- those with Down's syndrome
- those with long term serious conditions affecting their body. Your GP will know if they need to have the vaccine

The vaccine is also recommended for those children living with people who have a weakened immune system (who are immunosuppressed). This is to reduce the risk of them passing on the infection to their family members.

The vaccine cannot give them COVID-19 and will reduce their chance of suffering from COVID-19 disease. Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective and it takes a few weeks for your body to build up protection after the vaccine. Some people may still get COVID-19 despite having a vaccination, but this should lessen the severity of any infection. Vaccines can cause side effects; most are mild and short-term, and not everyone gets them

School name: Medeshamstede Academy

Session date: February 22, 2022

More details are available by visiting [COVID 19 Guide for Parents of Children at risk aged 5-11 years](#) or scanning this QR



Your child can receive their vaccine at a community setting or in their school, if they attend a special educational needs school.

You can consent to this vaccine by completing the attached consent form and returning it to their school within **one week**. Or completing the online consent ([accessed here](#))

You will need this unique code number EE138271 which identifies your child's school.
The electronic link will close at Noon on February 21, 2022.



Hertfordshire and East Anglia
Community and School Age Immunisation Service

Please note that vaccination needs to be delayed for 4 weeks after testing positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the immunisation service on the phone number for your area, listed below:

0300 555 5055 Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk, Suffolk

Yours faithfully,

Hertfordshire and East Anglia Community School Aged Immunisation Service

This service is provided by Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust and covers Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk and Suffolk.



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