

MESSAGING AND IMAGERY TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNICATION OF THE COVID-19 VACCINATION TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 5-11

Introduction

We would be grateful for your help in raising awareness of the Covid-19 vaccination for children aged 5-11.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has recommended all children would benefit from the offer of the vaccine to help protect against potential future waves of Covid-19 and the risk of serious illness.

For decades, vaccinations have protected children and young people from potentially serious diseases including measles, flu, meningitis and mumps. The Covid-19 vaccine is one more vaccine that will help protect children from illness.

The vaccine remains our strongest defence against Covid-19, so it is important that parents and carers of children aged 5-11 take advantage of this protection to protect their children, their families and the community.

Please do share the messages attached, and if we can help further by hosting Question and Answer sessions for your staff or for parents you work with, please do get in touch.

Message

The vaccine has been approved for children by the Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA) after meeting all standards for safety, quality and effectiveness.

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Text

Children will be given a third of the dose of vaccine that is given to older children and to adults. Each child will have two doses, 12 weeks apart. Children who are at greater risk of serious illness if they catch Covid-19 will get their second dose after 8 weeks.

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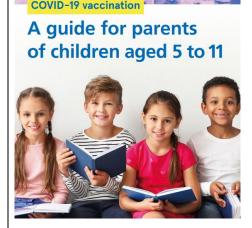


The Covid-19 vaccine has been through rigorous tests to make sure it is as safe as possible. It was approved for children by the Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA) after meeting all standards for safety, quality and effectiveness.

The Covid-19 vaccination will reduce the chance of your child suffering from Covid-19 disease. It may take a few weeks for their body to build up some protection from the vaccine.

Two doses of the vaccine should give your child long lasting protection against serious complications of infection – including any future waves due to new variants.

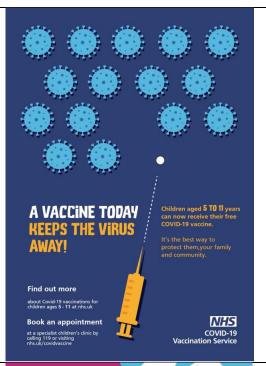
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You can see the leaflet for parents <u>here</u>

The Covid-19 vaccine is our strongest defence against the virus.

It will help protect children, their families and the community.



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Protection against the virus will help children go back to school and to do the things they love.



Some children do become seriously ill with Covid-19 and it can lead to Long Covid.



Like all medicines, vaccines can cause side effects. Most of these are mild and short term, and not everyone gets them. The common side effects should only last a day or two.



Common side effects include: having a painful, heavy feeling and tenderness in the arm where the injection was; feeling tired; a headache; general aches or mild flu-like symptoms.



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A booklet for parents to talk to children about the vaccination experience



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Children can get COVID-19

To help protect families against COVID-19, everyone aged 5 and over

You can find information about

can now get vaccinated

symptoms of the virus at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Dr Bola Owolabi
GP and Director of Health Inequalities

You can read more and book an appointment at www.nhs.uk or by calling 119 Some children do become seriously ill with Covid and it can lead to Long Covid.

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Vaccination is recommended if you have had COVID-19

Acquired immunity is developed after getting the virus. But we don't know how long this lasts and it reduces over time. Vaccination provides you with a safe and effective way to boost your immunity levels.

Dr Diana Asante, GP

Even if children have had the Covid illness, the vaccination will help boost their protection against the risk of serious illness.