

7 September



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Kirklees College NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Grab-a-Jab Pop-Up

In support of the national campaign to vaccinate all 16 and 17 year olds, Kirklees College is hosting NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Pop-Up Sessions week commencing Monday 13 September.

The vaccination pop-ups will be located at the following centres:

- Huddersfield Centre (Landings 72) – Monday 13 September
- Springfield Sixth Form Centre (Refectory) – Tuesday 14 September

In order for us to reach as many students as possible, there will also be a mobile clinic operating at our other centres on the following dates:

- Brunel Construction Centre – Monday 13 September
- Engineering Centre – Monday 13 September
- Taylor Hill Animal Centre – Tuesday 14 September

Appointments can be **booked** through <https://tinyurl.com/kirkleescollege>.

The vaccination pop-up is open to all students, including apprentices, aged 16 and 17 years who have yet to have had their dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

It is also open to students who are 17¾ years and older, and those aged 16 and 17 years who are at higher risk of serious COVID-19, who are eligible for their first or second dose. (Second doses are 8 weeks or more after the first.)

All students have been sent information from the college about the vaccination pop-up, how to access it and sources of further information.

The vaccine being offered is Pfizer-BioNTech. One dose of vaccine has been shown to provide 80% protection against hospitalisation from COVID-19. Protection could be even higher, as younger people respond better to vaccines and some will already have had the COVID-19 infection, meaning they will have an even better response to the first dose.

Within two weeks of the NHS routinely offering COVID-19 vaccination to 16 and 17 year olds over 360,000 had taken up the offer and received their vaccination.

For information about the vaccination programme for young people please see [COVID-19 vaccination: a guide for eligible children and young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-vaccination-a-guide-for-eligible-children-and-young-people), as well information on the following page and additional links.

If you have further questions, you can contact a member of the Medicare NHS Vaccination team via 07784626033.

Students will also be able to ask members of the vaccination team about the vaccine and vaccination at the pop-up.

Yours,



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Further COVID-19 Vaccination-Related Information and Links

- The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advises that 16 and 17 year olds should be offered one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.
- No proof of identity is required for vaccination - name, date of birth, and address (if have one) is all that is needed.
- Parental consent isn't needed for 16 and 17 year olds to be vaccinated (unless there is significant evidence to suggest individuals are unable to give informed consent).
- There is no requirement to be registered with a GP or have an NHS number to be vaccinated.
- People self-isolating, waiting for a COVID-19 test or within 4 weeks of having a positive COVID-19 test shouldn't attend for vaccination.
- See here for [Information for children and young people on what to expect after COVID-19 vaccination - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/information-for-children-and-young-people-on-what-to-expect-after-covid-19-vaccination)
- After vaccination it's still important to:
 - Wear a face mask where advised
 - Wash hands regularly
 - Open windows to let fresh air in
 - Follow the [current guidance](#)
 - Get other routine vaccinations for young people.
- In addition to the college pop-up, information on the nearest vaccination centre can be found through the NHS's 'grab a jab' online [walk-in finder](#).
- If help is needed getting to a vaccination session for financial or mobility reasons free transport can be booked through Kirklees Covid [COVID-19 vaccination programme | Kirklees Council](#).
- Information about the vaccine can be found via [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccines - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus/vaccines).
- Other local colleges are also hosting pop-up vaccination sessions for their students.

