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Dear Parent/Carer,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Thank you for your continued support in keeping friends and family safe in the fight against coronavirus.

The COVID-19 vaccination reduces the chance of suffering from COVID-19 and reduces the severity of symptoms in those who do become infected with the virus. The Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisations (JCVI) and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have now advised a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for young people aged 12 to 15-years, 12 weeks after the first dose. The Community and School Aged Immunisation Team (CSAIS) will deliver the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination in all secondary schools in Hertfordshire and East Anglia with the support of Vaccination UK. A team of nurses will visit your child's school on:

School name: The Nicholas Hamond Academy
Session date: 3rd February 2022

Under very rare circumstances, we may have to change the date of our visit at very short notice, but please rest assured we will do our utmost to avoid this happening.

The team will require you to consent for a first dose if your child has not already received the vaccine, or re-consent for a second dose. To complete the consent form (for either first or second dose please click this link <https://forms.hct.nhs.uk/CovidConsent/eForm> and complete the form. It is important to discuss and complete the consent form with your child. **If your child has already had two doses of the vaccine, please do not consent again.**

You will need this unique code number EE138918 which identifies your child's school.
The electronic link will close at Noon on 2022-02-02.

If you have difficulty completing the form or have any queries regarding this vaccination, please call 0300 555 5055

Please use the following link to find your child's NHS number,
<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/find-nhs-number/>



Your child cannot be vaccinated if they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the 12 weeks prior to the date of our visit.

Alternatively, if you miss the deadline for consenting for your child to have their vaccination at school, should you wish to have your child vaccinated sooner than our planned visit (if they are eligible), or if your child will miss out on the vaccination when we visit because they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 12 weeks, you can book to visit any local vaccination site by using this link:

[Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk).

Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective, and it takes a few weeks for the body to build up protection from the vaccine. Some people may still get COVID-19 despite having a vaccination, but this should lessen the severity of any infection. The vaccine cannot infect people with the COVID-19 virus. Like all medicines, vaccines can cause side effects. Most of these are mild and short-term, and not everyone gets them. For further information regarding the COVID-19 vaccination, please visit www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination.

Please make sure on the day of immunisation your child is well and encourage them to eat breakfast.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Hertfordshire and East Anglia Community School Aged Immunisation Service