

**By Email Only**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Dear Parent,**

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

On the advice of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), children aged 5 to 11 can get a 1st and 2nd dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to boost immunity and increase their protection against any future waves of COVID-19.

They will be offered two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, with a minimum interval of eight weeks. The preferred option for this group of children is the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (Comirnaty®) 10 micrograms dose concentrate, which is a formulation for children aged 5 to 11.

The NHS will be in touch with parents in the coming weeks if their child is eligible, so please wait to hear and do not contact your GP practice.

Parents will need to give consent for their child to be vaccinated.

Vaccination services open to this group of children have made adjustments to accommodate their needs, to ensure children and their families have a positive experience.

More information and details of clinics are available at [Vaccinations for 5-11 year olds - South East London CCG \(selondonccg.nhs.uk\)](http://Vaccinations for 5-11 year olds - South East London CCG (selondonccg.nhs.uk)).

**Yours sincerely**

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Information about COVID-19 vaccines is available at:

[COVID-19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/105441/covid-19-a-guide-for-parents-of-children-aged-5-to-11.pdf)

[I'm a parent or carer - Don't miss your vaccine \(nhsservicetrust.com\)](https://www.nhsservicetrust.com/parents-carers/covid-19-vaccine)

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine.](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine)