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Dear Parent/Carer,

HCC OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION:

Young people aged 16 and 17 have been invited by the NHS to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, ideally **before** the start of the autumn term, to help avoid the illness and disruption that COVID can cause. The good news is that in Hertfordshire, nearly 40% of 16 and 17 year-olds have already been vaccinated.

All of Hertfordshire's larger vaccination centres are operating 'walk-in' vaccination services for young people. No appointment is necessary and 16 and 17 year-olds do not need the consent of their parents or guardians to have the vaccine. They are welcome to bring a parent, carer or friend along with them to get their vaccine if they'd like to. To find a local vaccination clinic in Hertfordshire, young people and their parents should check this website, which is regularly updated: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk>.

Families that are on holiday in England and who would like to get their vaccinations while they are away from home can check the national 'grab a jab' website to find the nearest vaccination centre to where they are staying, here: [Search - Find a walk-in coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination site \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus/covid-19/vaccination-site)

Parents and carers of children aged 12-15 years old who are known to be particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 are being contacted directly by the NHS about arrangements to vaccinate their children. They do not need to contact their GP surgeries.

Kind regards,



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