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The Coronavirus vaccine explained

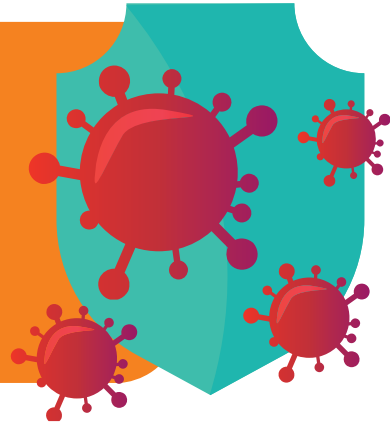
A visual story explaining how
the Coronavirus vaccine works.





Coronavirus is a disease that has spread around the world. It has made some people very unwell.

Scientists have recently created a vaccine for Coronavirus. This helps the body to fight the virus.



A vaccine is a type of medicine that stops you from catching an illness. There are few diseases around the world because of vaccines.

The medicine is usually injected into your arm. You might feel a small prick but it doesn't hurt.

Vaccines are great because they help stop mean germs making me feel poorly.





At the moment older people or those with an underlying health condition will be getting the Coronavirus vaccine first.

Those on the learning disability register will now be prioritised for the vaccine too.

This is because we want to help protect people who are more likely to feel unwell with Coronavirus.



You may hear people say that the vaccine is dangerous.

These are often called anti-vax stories.





However, they are not based on information that scientists agree with.

It can put people in danger if they do not get a vaccination when they need one.



If I'm under 16, I won't need the vaccine. This is because Coronavirus usually won't make me feel as unwell as older adults.

If my parent or carer has been vaccinated then I can't pass the virus onto them as they will be protected from any mean germs.





It may take a long time for all adults to be vaccinated. Scientists hope all adults will be vaccinated by September 2021.

You can say 'No' to the vaccine if you do not want it.



But scientists and doctors believe that if more people have the vaccine then less people will be ill with Coronavirus.

I won't be scared when I next need to have a vaccine because I know it will help me stay happy and healthy.

Everything's going to be okay

We have lots more resources for you to learn more about Coronavirus and how you can keep happy and healthy during this challenging time.



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We provide services, raise awareness and understanding, and campaign for social and policy change. Through TreeHouse School, The Rise School and Ambitious College, we offer specialist education and support.

Our ambition is to make the ordinary possible for more children and young people with autism.

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