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# Jabs for Year Six kids

Pupils from primary schools start trooping in for vaccine shots in Kedah

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THE Covid-19 vaccination of 12-year-old children has begun in Kedah to prepare for their return to physical classes in schools from Oct 17.

State Health Department director Dr Othman Warijo said 108 out of 304 registered Year Six pupils from four schools went for their appointments to receive their first doses of the vaccine on Monday.

The pupils were from SJK(C) Pumpong, SJK(T) Barathy, SJK(C) Kee Chee and SK Taman Uda in Kota Setar District.

They were accompanied by their parents for their jabs at Dewan KDN Anak Bukit.

The pupils included those who are disabled or with special needs under the country's Special Education Integrated Programme.

P.S. Jayadev, 12, from SK Taman Uda, admitted to being nervous at first and was surprised to have felt no pain.

"I felt happy. It was quite relaxing while at the vaccination centre and waiting for my turn to get the jab," he said.

His mother Vijaya Raja Gopal, 45, a kindergarten teacher, said she decided to follow the school's instructions to send her son for vaccination even though she felt worried.

**Vital check:** SJK(C) Pumpong pupil Tan Yi Hong having his blood pressure checked by a medical assistant at the Dewan KDN Anak Bukit in Kedah. (Below) Loh Pei Xuan, also from the same school, receiving her first dose of vaccine. – G.C. TAN/The Star



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## Nervousness turns to relief for pupils and parents



Year Six pupils from several primary schools waiting for their turn and getting their blood pressure checked by medical personnel at Dewan KDN Anak Bukit in Kedah.



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"I have heard cases of vaccine recipients encountering breathing difficulties. I sought advice from my younger brother who is a doctor.

"He said those who faced breathing difficulties probably had complications from other sickness and it was not the vaccine. He told me not to worry and it was better to let my son get the jab," she said.

Vijaya said she had felt her son's hands turning cold while waiting for his turn.

"I held his hands tight to keep them warm and comforted him. He insisted I went with him into the vaccination room," she said.

Loh Pei Xuan, 12, from SJK(C) Pumpong said the jab felt like an ant bite.

"At first, I felt a bit nervous but after the injection, I was relieved. I can go to school without much worry now," said Pei Xuan,

who was accompanied by her father Kok Fuh, 53.

Nur Raisya Qairina Muhd Tarmizi, 12, also expressed nervousness upon entering the vaccination centre and said once the jab was done, she felt relieved.

Her mother Waida Irani, 43, a lecturer of Universiti Utara Malaysia, said her daughter was the third among her kids to get the jab.

Kwek Zhu Heng, 12, from SJK(C) Pumpong felt a little pain from the injection but was not worried because he was reassured by his school teacher.

S. Kaveenasri, 12, from SRJK(T) Barathy, said she expected the vaccination to be painful and was delighted that she hardly felt anything.

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