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Dear Parent/Carer,

School based Covid-19 Vaccination Programme for 12-15 year olds.

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

As you will no doubt be aware, the government announced on 13th September 2021 that young people, aged 12 to 15 years old, are now eligible to receive the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. This decision follows advice from the UK's chief medical officers, who have said that rolling out the vaccine to this age group will help to reduce disruption to young people receiving face-to-face education in the classroom.

Those that are eligible for the vaccine are all children aged 12-15 between the dates of 8/10/2021 to 8/1/2022.

The vaccination process will be delivered by the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) and they will be in school on **Monday 1st November 2021**. **Your child will only be given the vaccine if we receive consent from you.**

We have received consent forms from the SAIS and these will be distributed to eligible students today, Monday 4th October 2021. Please be aware of the following timeline:

- Consent forms given to all eligible students today – **Monday 4th October 2021**.
- Forms to be completed by parent/carer to give consent for the vaccination to be given.
- Forms returned to school by the student and given to their form tutor. These forms will be collected from school on **Friday 8th October 2021**.

Please note, if you do not want your child to be vaccinated, do not complete the consent form and your child will not be vaccinated on Monday 1st November.

It is important for you to be aware that the consent forms we have returned to us prior to collection will form the list of students to be vaccinated. Late returns will not be accepted and permission will not be accepted from the student without a consent form from parent/carer.

If for any reason your child is absent from school on 1st November, SAIS will endeavour to provide a 'mop-up' session. Please also be aware that your child will not be able to have the vaccine if they have tested positive for Covid-19 within 28 days prior. This is from the day of their positive test. If your child is in this situation, they may be able to have the vaccine at any mop-up session delivered.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs J Cross

Headteacher