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Dear Parents/Carers,

School based COVID 19 vaccinations 10th and 11th November 2021

You will be aware from my previous letters that the Chief Medical Officer and Public Health England (PHE) have confirmed that the COVID-19 mass vaccination programme has been extended to include all 12 to 15-year-olds. The vaccination programme is being delivered through secondary schools. The school's responsibility is to assist with the administration. As per the national directive, all students aged 12 - 15 will be offered COVID-19 immunisations this term. These vaccinations will be organised and administered by the School Aged Immunisation Service from Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust. Students will be offered the Pfizer vaccine.

This week all students will receive paper copies of the consent form, with a letter from the immunisation service. A COVID-19 vaccination guide for children and young people will be posted to all students' year Team accounts.

The forms are also available by following these links:

[Consent form](#)

[NHS letter](#)

[Student information leaflet](#). (paper copy not provided)

The consent form allows you to say **YES** you give consent, or say **NO** you do not give consent. **All forms should be returned to your child's form tutor before Friday 22nd October**, where they will be forwarded directly to the immunisation team to be processed.

- Year 7 children who have not reached the age of 12 by the date the vaccinations take place will **NOT** be eligible for the vaccine.
- The service will be offering a one dose COVID-19 vaccination to all students in Year 11 - these maybe 15 or 16 years of age.
- Students aged 16 in Year 12 are not included but can access their vaccination via the National Booking System and Walk-ins.

The immunisation team will **NOT** vaccinate any child within our school setting without written consent from a person with parental responsibility.

Please note it is a government directive that COVID vaccines are offered to secondary age students, and that this should take place in schools as this is the most efficient way of accessing young people. If after receiving the full information you have any queries relating to these vaccinations, please contact the immunisation team hsiccg.covid.vaccination.enquiries@nhs.net and not the school.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Quinn

Headteacher