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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope that following the half term break, you and your families feel rested and refreshed before the next six weeks of this term.

Like many of you I have been watching carefully the discussions at COP26. The positive rhetoric around stewardship of the environment is being promoted, which must surely strike a chord with the Christian belief that God created the earth as a gift for us to care for and that we have stewardship of the environment.

This week we have heard how Tetley's have withdrawn their sponsorship from Yorkshire Cricket Team. The report into what was dismissed as 'banter' is not easy reading. If your children are presenting a view that they were 'just' involved in 'banter', this event serves as a timely reminder of how things can go very awry and that racism is unacceptable. We continue in school to challenge poor language choices and thank you for your support with this, as it is one clear way in which we live out our commitment to being respectful to others.

## Lost Property

We have a growing assortment of lost property in Student Support, including some complete PE kits in bags. Please ask your child to come and look at items if they have lost anything. A reminder; please name items as then we can return anything handed in directly to your child.

## COVID Vaccinations

As you are aware the NHS vaccinations occur in school on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 November. Mr Bamford is working through the arrangements for this process and we have been chasing up missing forms this week.

NHS staff will confirm the final arrangements early next week but some of this is contingent on the supply of vaccines across the two days. If you have agreed that your child is to be vaccinated, I cannot yet tell you on which of the two days this will occur.

On Wednesday 10 November, all students who are due to be vaccinated should come to school with their PE top on (not full PE kit) so that it will be easier to access their upper arm. Students should be prepared do this on both days. However, if they receive their vaccine on the Wednesday, they must wear normal uniform on Thursday.

Students receiving the vaccine will be sent down to the Hall by tutor group. They will be met by the NHS team for some final checks before the vaccine is administered. Vaccine areas will be screened for privacy and post-vaccination, students will be asked to sit for 15 minutes before returning to lesson.

### **Students who have been vaccinated since you returned the vaccine consent form**

We sent the original vaccination information to parents before half term. However, since that time, the Government has allowed 12 to 15-year-old children to book vaccination appointments outside of school; we know that some parents have done this.

We now need to amend our records to reflect this to allow the school to give the NHS an accurate number of vaccines required when they visit. Please click on the link below if this applies to your child (i.e. you said you wanted them to have a vaccine in school, but they no longer require it) by the end of the day on Monday 8 November. Many of you have already emailed us to let us know, but if you could also click the link please, it will ensure that an accurate record is kept.

### **[COVID Vaccine Status Update Form](#)**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Quinn  
**Headteacher**