

School Based Immunisation Team, Covid Team  
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

As you may be aware, 12-15 year olds are being given the opportunity to have their 2nd dose of the COVID-19 vaccination in schools, as announced by the four UK nations' Chief Medical Officers.

COVID-19 is usually mild in most children, but it can make some children unwell. Vaccinating children can also help stop the spread of COVID-19 to other people, including within schools.

Parental consent to vaccinate your child in school is required in advance, for any COVID-19 vaccinations.

If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 and is not at high risk from COVID-19, they need to wait 12 weeks before they can have a COVID-19 vaccine.

The School Immunisation Team's Covid Vaccinators, will be visiting your child's school to give the vaccine from January 2022.

The opportunity to have your child vaccinated in a vaccination centre is also still available.

Please see the link below for further information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine-for-children-aged-12-to-15/>

If you would like your child to receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> covid vaccine, please complete the attached consent form and return it to your school.

We will aim to carry out a second session within school to offer the first dose of the Covid vaccination to children that have not yet been vaccinated. Please state clearly on the attached consent form if your child requires their first or second dose of the vaccination.

The School Aged Immunisation team will also continue to deliver the vaccinations as set out in the national programme.

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The team will be delivering the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of the HPV vaccination to all year 8 boys and girls. We will also be offering this to any year 9 pupil who did not receive their 1<sup>st</sup> dose last year. A separate consent form and letter will be sent to parents / carers to complete and return to school.

HPV and Covid vaccinations will not be given on the same day

Yours Sincerely

School Aged Immunisation Team