

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

You will have seen on the news that the Chief Medical Officer for England has recommended the roll out of a single dose of COVID vaccine for young people aged 12-15 as a measure to help limit spread of the virus and ensure, as far as possible, children are able to remain in school full time.

Following this decision the NHS will be offering the vaccine to all eligible children within schools. This means that the school health team will be in The Bridge on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October in order to offer the vaccine to all students who are aged between 12 and 15 on that date.

Enclosed with this letter is further information about the vaccine, why this is being rolled out and information as to how you can provide consent for your child to receive the vaccine. Please complete the online consent form by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. If your child is already 16 or prefer to be vaccinated elsewhere, please contact the local vaccination centres who will be able to advise you.

As with all school aged immunisations this is a service being provided and administered by the NHS, with school acting only as a venue. If you have queries or concerns about this please contact the school health team on the details provided.

In addition to the vaccinations taking place, can I take this opportunity to remind you of other measures in place to reduce the spread of COVID. Students should be completing twice weekly lateral flow tests; we can provide these as home testing kits or support your child to test in school if they find it difficult to do so at home. If your child displays any of the three key symptoms: a persistent cough; high temperature or a loss/change in taste or smell they should stay away from school and isolate until they are able to receive a negative PCR test result.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards



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