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COVID-19 Vaccine for 12-15 year olds

Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that the Government has announced that young people aged 12 to 15 in England will be offered one dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, following advice from the four UK Chief Medical Officers (CMO). The main purpose of the vaccine programme is to provide protection to the children who receive it and to help reduce transmission in the wider population.

We have been assured that the role of schools will be as it is in all other vaccination programmes, i.e. to provide a venue, organise the students on the day and support the management of the consent letters. Schools and school staff will play no part in the administration of vaccinations or the processing of consent, both of which are a matter for health professionals.

We are very aware that there is a wide range of views on vaccines in general and the extension of the COVID-19 vaccination programme to 12 to 15-year olds. We respect the right of everyone to hold their own views, but must stress that schools and school leaders play no role in policy decisions such as these. As a school we will maintain political neutrality, we are happy to discuss with parents the logistics of the vaccination programme but are unable to enter discussions about the rights and wrongs of the policy itself.

All parents will receive a letter from NHS England giving information about the vaccine and further details of when it will be given. The decision for your child to be vaccinated is at the discretion of you and your family, as with any vaccine. Please respect the decision of others without pressure or influence.

We are happy to support any parent for whom language is a barrier to access the information required to make an informed decision on what is the correct choice for their child and family. Please contact the school if this is something we can help with.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs J Mitchell
CEO/Principal