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Dear Parent/Carer

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12-15 year old Covid Vaccination in School

Due to the Chief Medical Officer's recommendation earlier this week that Covid vaccinations should be extended to include all children aged 12-15 years of age, your child will be offered this vaccination at their school in the coming weeks.

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against Covid 19 and to avoid disruption to their education as experienced over the past 18 months. Even though Covid is relatively mild in healthy children in this age group, they can go on to experience long Covid and in rare cases some need hospitalisation.

This year, with COVID-19 in circulation, it is more important than ever that eligible groups are vaccinated to protect them. The free vaccine will help prevent them getting Covid and is the best protection from the virus. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family.

The Covid vaccine will be offered in school at the same time as your child's flu vaccination. You will be asked to consent yes or no to your child having the vaccination through the e-consenting system on a separate link for Covid in the same way as you do for flu and other school-based vaccinations.

The online consent can be accessed via any online device. Please click on the following link <https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Covid> which will direct you to an online consent form for you to complete.

We will be visiting your child's school on **03/11/2021** so please complete the consent form in full by **midday on 01/11/2021** and use the following school code: **EE137355**

The vaccination is free and recommended for children and young people. It will be given by an IM Injection into the deltoid muscle. Below is a link to a leaflet explaining the vaccination programme, it is important to discuss and complete the consent form with your child. Please make sure on the day of immunisation your child is well and encourage them to eat breakfast.

[COVID-19 vaccination – A guide for children and young people \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97822/covid-19_vaccination_-_a_guide_for_children_and_young_people.pdf)

In the rare event that you do not have access to the internet, please contact the immunisation team who will complete a consent form with you over the phone. Again, this year we are unable to give out any paper consent forms or leaflets due to possible transmission of Covid-19.

If you require further information regarding the vaccines we offer please go to our Immunisation website which has full details of our service: <http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/School-nursing/immunisations.htm>

If you have any queries regarding the online consent form or the Covid vaccine please contact the Buckinghamshire Immunisation Team on 01296 567860.

Yours sincerely,

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