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THE KING'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

School based Covid-19 Vaccination Programme for 12-15 year olds.

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

You will likely be aware that as part of the next phase of the government's vaccination programme, all children aged 12-15 will now be offered a first dose of the vaccine. This follows on from those who are 16-17 and 12-17 if living with a vulnerable person.

Those that are eligible for the vaccine are all children aged 12-15 between the dates of 8/10/2021 – 8/1/2022. This applies to all students at The King's School with the exception of 133 students in Year 7 and 21 in Year 11.

The vaccination process will be delivered by the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) and they will be in school on Thursday 14 October, 2021. Please be aware that your child will only be given the vaccine if we receive consent from you. We have received consent forms from the SAIS and these will be distributed to eligible students in form time today, Monday 4 October, 2021. Please be aware of the following timeline:

- Consent forms given to all eligible students today – **Monday 4 October, 2021.**
- Forms to be completed by parent/carer to give consent for the vaccination to be given.
- Forms returned to school by the student and given to their form tutor. These forms will be collected from school on **Friday 8 October, 2021.**

It is important for you to be aware that the consent forms we have returned to us prior to collection will form the list of students to be vaccinated. Late returns will not be accepted and permission will not be accepted from the student without a consent form from parent/carer. (Gillick Competence).

If for any reason your child is absent from school on 14 October, SAIS will endeavour to provide a 'mop-up' session if possible. Please also be aware that your child will not be able to have the vaccine if they have tested positive for Covid-19 within 28 days prior. This is from the day of their positive test. If your child is in this situation, they may be able to have the vaccine at any mop-up session delivered.

I do appreciate the emotive nature of the vaccination programme but as a school we have a duty to follow the guidelines laid down by government, as we have throughout the pandemic. I appreciate your understanding that as a school we will only be facilitating the vaccination programme. Again, to reiterate the point regarding consent that your child will only receive the vaccine if we have the returned consent form signed and agreed by you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr D Pinto
Headteacher