



Tuesday 21st September, 2021

CV-19 Vaccination Programme

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have been informed that the immunisation team will be at St Thomas More on Monday 4th October. The team has informed us that they will administer the flu and CV-19 vaccinations to pupils on the same day.

I feel it is important to note that the school is merely acting as host for the vaccination team; our involvement in the process is restricted to providing a venue and distributing and collecting consent forms.

The following information applies to the CV-19 vaccination programme.

We have been asked to distribute consent forms today with a return date of tomorrow [Wednesday 22nd]. We are aware this is a tight turnaround, however again this is out of our hands.

For any child to have the CV-19 vaccination you should return a copy of the consent form. If your child requests a vaccination on the day without consent, every effort will be made to contact you by the immunisation team. However, if this is not possible and they still wish to receive the vaccine and are judged by the medical professionals to be able to make an informed decision for themselves the team will proceed. This is referred to as being Gillick competent. For more details please see the guidance below.

Can we ask that parents take some time this evening to discuss this and ensure an agreement is reached.

Guidance does state that a follow-up offer will be made to any children who miss the first vaccination in their school. This will help to ensure that the following pupils can access the vaccine:

- those turning 12 years after the session
- those who were absent from school on the day
- those who have recently had a COVID-19 infection
- those who subsequently change their minds or take longer to reach a decision

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It is anticipated that this will be delivered outside of school settings to minimise any further disruption to education and other immunisation programmes. As and when we receive information regarding this we will share it with you.

If you have any queries regarding the vaccination programme we advise you to contact your local health care centre or use the links below to access further information:

CV-19 Vaccination: resources for children and young people	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people
CV-19 Vaccination: a guide for eligible children and young people aged 12 to 17	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1017171/PHE_12073_COVID-19_guide_for_all_CYP.pdf
CV-19 Vaccination programme for children & young people: guidance for schools	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-children-and-young-people-guidance-for-schools

Yours sincerely

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