

21st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the Health and Social Care Secretary has announced that young people aged 12-15 in England will be offered one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, following advice from the four UK Chief Medical Officers. The main purpose of the COVID-19 childhood vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine and help to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population.

Since this announcement, the government has provided more information on the COVID-19 childhood vaccination programme which you can access using the links below.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Vaccination programme for children and young people](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine for children aged 12 to 15](#)

This guidance for schools is clear about the role schools will play in the programme. The role of schools is as it is in other vaccination programmes, i.e. to provide a venue, organise the throughput of pupils, and support in contacting parents to distribute information and consent forms. Schools and school staff will play no role in the administration of vaccinations or the processing of consent, both of which are a matter for health professionals.

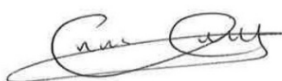
We are very aware that there is a wide range of views on vaccines in general and particularly on the extension of the COVID-19 vaccination programme to young people aged 12-15. We respect the right of everyone to hold their own views but must stress that schools and school leaders play no role in policy decisions such as these which are taken by our elected officials. As schools are rightly expected to maintain political neutrality, we are happy to talk to parents about the logistics of the vaccination programme but are unable to enter into discussions about the rights and wrongs of the policy itself.

The vaccination programme available for your child will be provided by *Intrahealth* in collaboration with *City Health Partnership*. This programme will be delivered at Kelvin Hall School on Monday 1st November 2021, Thursday 19th November 2021, and some other dates which have yet to be confirmed. The year groups that will be allocated to each day will depend on the number of students who consent to the vaccination, these will be confirmed with you before the vaccination dates. You can find the information and consent link below. The consent link will be active until 27th October 2021.

<https://forms.office.com/r/7BrCvHih4>

*Intrahealth* and *City Health Partnership* have requested that consent be indicated for all children, even if this is a refusal to provide consent. Please discuss these vaccinations with your child and submit the response for your child by Wednesday 27th October 2021.

Kind regards,



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