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Dear Families,

You will no doubt by now have seen the news reporting that the Government intend to roll out the Covid-19 vaccine to young people aged 12 -15. As with the wider vaccination programme, it will not be mandatory for young people to have the vaccine. Under-18s are being given the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, although the Moderna vaccine has also been authorised for use in children in the UK.

All 16 and 17-year-olds are already being offered a first dose, with the intention of having a second at a later date.

Those aged 12 to 15 are already eligible for two doses if they are at higher risk due to:

- Severe neurodisability (which could include cerebral palsy, autism or epilepsy)
- Down's syndrome
- A severely weakened immune system, including some children with cancer
- Profound and multiple learning difficulties
- Chronic heart, lung and liver condition

Children of the same age who live with people who have a suppressed immune system can also be vaccinated.

The vaccine is mainly likely to be given in schools and parents will be asked for consent. **At this stage, we have no further details of how this will happen, and we will communicate any updates with you as soon as we can.**

Although parental consent is being sought, children under 16 who can prove they understand the risks and benefits can ask for the vaccine - or refuse it - if they disagree with their parents. Where families want advice or support with this, please contact school.

Clearly the decision to vaccinate your child will be one you will take seriously and want to think carefully about. Your local GP can provide more detailed advice and guidance if you want more information.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs L Windle

Executive Headteacher

