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Dear Parent/Carer,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS REGARDING THE COVID-19 VACCINATION

The school-aged immunisation service will be visiting your child's school in the spring term of 2022. For most pupils, aged 12-15 years old, this will be their 2nd dose, however if your child missed the 1st dose, this can still be given in the school setting. The service relies on parents providing up to date information to the service.

NB: For healthy children, there must be a 12-week interval between a 1st and 2nd dose of the Covid-19 vaccine*.

*If your child has been identified by his/her GP or consultant as clinically extremely vulnerable, or is living in the same household as someone who is immunosuppressed (e.g. receiving chemotherapy or has had an organ transplant), the recommended interval between a 1st and 2nd dose is 8 weeks, and he/she may require a 3rd and/or booster dose. Parents will need to contact the GP to arrange further doses.

For children (not classified by their GP or consultant as clinically extremely vulnerable), it is not advised for them to have a Covid-19 vaccine within 12 weeks of a **laboratory positive PCR test** (this is different to a lateral flow test).

In January more details will be sent out through schools with a link to our consent form. Currently the National Booking Service will be opening for this cohort from the 20th December 2021, if your child is eligible and you wish for them to have it elsewhere please follow the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

Regards,

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