

6th January 2022

Dear families,

Re: COVID vaccination of students at Burton Borough School on 18th January 2022

Last night we were contacted by the NHS to say that the school vaccination process for students aged 12-15 years old will commence again on Tuesday 18th January. In the paragraphs below I have highlighted some of the key information around this process. Can I again please stress that **this is a process that is being conducted solely by external professional NHS staff**. The SAIS (School age immunisation service) will be legally responsible for the delivery of the vaccine. Legal accountability for offering Covid-19 vaccines to children and young people sits with the SAIS and not with the school.

Schools are merely providing the venue and collecting consent forms. Therefore, if you do have any questions can you direct them to the NHS and the School Age Immunisation Service, and not us as a school. If you do have queries the best means of communication is via the following link shropcom.immunisationteam@nhs.net

The SAIS will be offering second doses of the vaccination for those eligible, and also first doses to anyone who missed out last time either through absence, COVID, age, or previously declined the vaccine. If your child has had COVID-19 they should wait 12 weeks after a positive PCR test to have any COVID-19 vaccines.

Please inform us if you have sent a consent form in for your child to be vaccinated but then decide to get them vaccinated prior to the vaccination clinic being held at school. A vaccine will have been allocated to your child that day and will be wasted if this isn't communicated prior to the visit.

What should I be receiving with this letter?

Alongside my letter you will have a letter from the NHS entitled 'Schools COVID-19 vaccination letter and FAQ for consent'. You will also have the consent form itself. This letter goes into detail about all aspects of the procedure and provides links for further reading should you want more information. **I urge you all to read this alongside your child.**

When does the consent form need to be in?

Friday 14th January by 9am. The NHS have made it very clear that they need this time to process consent and plan for the numbers who will be receiving the vaccine on the day.

Who will be conducting the vaccination?

A team of 24 medical professionals and admin staff will be on site for the day. They will organise the event and conduct the vaccinations.

My child is in Y7. Will they get a vaccination?

If your child is 12 on the 18th January then yes they will be eligible. If they are 11 years old then they will not be able to receive a vaccination.



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My child is 16 in Y11 but hasn't yet had the vaccination. Will they be eligible?

Yes, they can get the vaccination as part of this series. You just need to complete the consent form.

What about consent? Is this from a parent, or child?

In this series of vaccinations, the NHS will only vaccinate if there is consent from parents. If the child is 16 then this can come from the child.

What about after care following the vaccination?

Each child will be given a leaflet following their vaccination which will provide all of the information they need around after care. The NHS are confident that side effects of the vaccination will be minimal and therefore if your child is absent from school after the event we have been advised that it will be coded as 'ill' on their attendance and unauthorised.

How will they know when it is their turn to be vaccinated and where do they go?

There will be a team of admin staff who will send for students when it is their turn. They will report to the canteen as they did for their lateral flow tests and a member of the NHS group will meet them there.

What do I wear?

The only stipulation is that students wear a short sleeved shirt on the day. The vast majority of our students wear short sleeved shirts anyway but if long sleeved shirts are worn they must bring in their PE top to change into. A changing area will be provided should this be the case. **All students will be expected to be in full school uniform as normal on these days.**

What if my child is absent on the day?

For any children absent on the vaccination day it is advised that they access one of the organised drop-in clinics and centres locally. These can be found on the NHS website.

Yours Sincerely,



Ben Morgan
Acting Principal



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