



Cardinal Langley RC High School

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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

I am sure you are aware that the Government has decided to offer the Covid-19 vaccine to all young people aged 12 and above as part of their strategy to reduce the risk of spread of Covid-19 within schools and the community. The programme will be delivered by the NHS School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) team who also administer the other immunisation programmes for young people.

Schools have been asked to provide a venue for the vaccine to be administered and assist with the communication with students and parents. Schools are not, however, responsible for implementing the programme. Attached is a leaflet containing further information about the programme and the answers to some frequently asked questions which can also be accessed [here](#). Should you have any further questions please contact the SAIS on 0161 716 5990.

I would like to clarify the following points:

- All students have been provided with the vaccine consent form to bring home which needs to be returned to the main office by Monday 4th October. Please be aware there are a number of fake consent forms circulating on social media.
- The vaccine is being offered to all students above the age of 12 but it is a decision for parents / carers and their son / daughter as to whether they wish to accept the offer.
- If a student does not have parental consent and does not want to get the vaccine, they will not receive it.
- Students who have returned the consent form and wish to be vaccinated will be given an appointment on either Thursday 7th or Friday 8th October for the vaccination to take place.
- Schools are hosting the immunisation programme and are not responsible for securing parental or student consent, or mediating between parents and children who may disagree about whether or not to consent.
- Students are being offered the first dose of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine.
- Any students absent on the vaccination day (or for Year 7s who turn 12 later), there will be catch-up arrangements in place and the SAIS team will provide further details.
- The SAIS team will observe young people for 15 minutes after they receive their vaccination to monitor any reaction.
- 12-15 year-olds won't be able to get vaccinated through walk-in centres.

A statement from the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales regarding the Covid-19 vaccine can be found at https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-issue-updated-statement-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_id=Newsletter

Yours faithfully

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