



Longbenton High School

28th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Flu & Covid Vaccinations

We have been asked by the Immunisation Team to forward the following information to you. You will be aware from government announcements and media coverage that children aged 12-15 are being offered the opportunity to have a first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. Children who are 12 years old and over on the day the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) team visits the school, will be offered a vaccination as part of the in-school vaccination programme. Our provisional date for the team to visit is 5th November (TBC) - so if your child is in Year 7 and aged 11 on this date they will not be vaccinated; likewise if they are in Year 11 and have turned 16 they will not be vaccinated in school.

Our role in this as a school is to

- provide information to their SAIS provider on which children on our roll are eligible for the vaccine (ie by age; all schools' immunisation services are compliant with the General Data Protection Regulations -GDPR);
- to share the information leaflet, consent form and information supplied by the SAIS team with parents and children;
- to provide the space within school, and the time away from the timetable, to enable vaccinations to take place.

School staff are not involved in the delivery of vaccinations.

What parents/carers need to do regarding consent

As a school, we are not responsible for securing parental or child consent, for assessing Gillick competence or mediating between parents and children who may disagree about whether or not to consent. **We do need to share with you how to give your consent. There are two forms of consent that the Immunisation Team require and they are being collected in two different ways:**

1. **Consent for flu vaccinations: e-consent is being sought from parents.** This link is live until Monday 4th October. <https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/ntcfluimmunisation2021>
2. **Consent for COVID-19 vaccinations:** the paper consent form (attached) needs to be completed. **Your child will come home with a paper copy on Thursday 30th September; you should sign and return this paper copy to school by Monday 4th October.**

The vaccines will be co-administered (i.e. given on the same day) in the sessions in line with national guidance. You can consent for flu but not Covid and vice versa.



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We have also been asked to share the following public health/NHS information links with you (also attached in PDF format) which answer FAQs on the vaccine and what to expect:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1017171/PHE_12073_COVID-19_guide_for_all_CYP.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1008090/PHE_12073_COVID-19_What_to_expect_CYP_leaflet.pdf

In summary, please confirm consent / non-consent via the two methods outlined above by Monday 4th October. This is a deadline which has been given to us by the SAIS team.

Yours faithfully,

Kelly Holbrook
Headteacher