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## LETTER TO ALL PARENTS VACCINATIONS FOR 12-15 YEAR OLDS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will no doubt be aware that the government has given approval for 12-15 year olds to receive a second dose of the Pfizer BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine.

Schools have been asked to accommodate these vaccinations on site, but we do not know the official date at the moment. As soon as we are given a date, this will be shared with you via our usual channels. The vaccinations will be carried out by an NHS team, with St Mary's staff on-hand to help with organisation.

As with the first vaccination, we are expecting take-up to be high. However, for the vaccination to take place, we must have your permission and we have been asked to distribute the NHS consent forms. The 2-sided consent form is attached to this letter, and further details can also be found on the school website here: <https://ismchs.com/parents/12-to-15-vaccinations> Parents can also consent for a first vaccine to be administered to their child.

Both parts of the vaccination form must be completed for the vaccination to go ahead.

Please can we ask that you return the consent form in the envelope it came in, as this has your child's name and form on it. Even if you are not consenting to your child having the vaccine, please still return the form so we are clear which pupils will be called for the jab. This will also allow the NHS team to bring the correct number of staff/vaccines etc. We ask that all consent forms are returned to school by Monday, 17 January.

As yet, there are no further plans for children to receive a booster dose, but should that situation change, I will write to you in due course. Further details from the NHS regarding the vaccine can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people/information-for-children-and-young-people-on-what-to-expect-after-covid-19-vaccination>

Yours sincerely,

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