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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the Government is planning to offer all young people aged 12 to 15 the Covid-19 vaccination. Schools have received this information from the Department for Education:

This autumn, all young people aged 12 to 15 are being offered a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccinating young people should help to reduce the need for young people to have time off school and should reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 within schools. The main purpose of the COVID-19 childhood vaccination programme is therefore to provide protection to the young people who receive the vaccine and to reduce the disruption to face-to-face education this winter.

Like all school-based vaccination programmes, the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) team will be the primary provider of the vaccination programme and will be legally responsible for the delivery of the vaccine.

More information on the COVID-19 vaccine, the vaccination programme and how it will work, as well as answers to some frequently asked questions, is included in the [Public Health England guidance for schools](#).

[NHS leaflets](#) are available to provide more information to parents, carers and eligible young people on the vaccine, including how it works and what to expect after having the vaccine. Accessible versions and translations are also available.

All Excalibur secondary schools will facilitate the roll-out of the vaccination programme and we will be in touch with more details once we have been contacted by SAIS. Please note that our schools will only provide the space and logistics for pupils to be vaccinated; **our staff will not be responsible for the delivery of the vaccine or have any involvement in decisions over whether children receive the vaccine.** Please see the links above for more information.



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I understand that this is an important and difficult decision for some parents/carers and young people. We will seek to provide access to any further information we receive from the DfE or Public Health England. Our staff will only be able to answer questions related to the timings and communications of the vaccine delivery and are not able to offer advice or guidance. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely



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