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Dear Parent/Carer

You may have read in the press, or heard in the news, that the Government are proposing to offer immunisations to protect against COVID-19 to children aged between 12-years and 15-years old. At the current time, there are limited details of how this will be implemented. This email is simply to reassure you that at every stage in the process we will keep you fully informed and up to date, and we will share with you all of the information as it becomes available to us. Currently the Government have shared the following information with all schools:

### 1. How vaccination in schools will work

Like all school-based vaccination programmes, the vaccines will be administered by healthcare staff working closely with the school and following the usual approach to school-based immunisation.

Your local School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) provider has been asked to work with schools to plan for the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds. The SAIS will be the primary provider of the vaccination programme for healthy 12 to 15 year olds and will be legally responsible for the delivery of the vaccine.

The SAIS provider will be contractually responsible for the service, as they are for other school vaccination programmes. The expectation is that the vaccination programme will be delivered primarily within schools but there might be certain areas or certain schools where this is not possible.

### 2. How parent or guardian consent will be obtained

For those aged 12 to 15 years consent will be sought by the SAIS provider from the parent or person with parental responsibility in the same way as for any other school vaccination programme.

A consent form and information leaflet provided by the SAIS team will be used to seek parental consent. Parents will also be provided with a contact number for the SAIS team in case of any queries. Forms should be returned by the deadline agreed with the team. You may be asked to collect these forms from parents on behalf of the SAIS provider team or it may be done electronically.



The school can play an important role by:

- sharing the leaflets and information
- signposting parents and children to official sources of information on vaccines
- sending out email links, letters and reminders

The detail above is taken from the following document which was sent out to schools today "COVID-19 vaccination programme for children and young people: guidance for schools".

As soon as any practical arrangements are shared, we will send an update.

Regards

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