

15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Re: Covid- 19 Vaccine for Children**

Dear Parent,

Further to my letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, the Government has released guidance on the [Covid-19 Vaccination Programme for Children](#). The guidance contains an extensive FAQ which should answer any questions that you may have.

In terms of the key points, I wish to draw your attention to the following:

- The [NHS Leaflets](#) provide more information for parents and children on the vaccine, including how it works and what to expect after the vaccination.
- The Academy hosts the vaccination sessions. The vaccination programme itself is administered by healthcare professionals with appropriate qualifications – the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS).
- Children who are 12 years old and over on the day the SAIS team visits the Academy, will be offered a vaccination.
- The vaccination is not mandatory. 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.
- Where the parent has not consented, the child may express a wish to have the vaccine and may have the capacity to provide informed consent themselves under [Gillick Competence](#). It is the role of the healthcare professionals in the SAIS to resolve any issues regarding consent.
- Legal accountability for offering the Covid-19 vaccine to children rests with the SAIS and not with the Academy.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal