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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are already aware, the School Age Immunisation Service will be visiting Saint Bede's on Friday 19th November to offer a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to pupils aged 12-15.

This afternoon, pupils have been issued with a consent form and accompanying leaflet regarding the vaccination programme.

If your child will be aged 12-15 on Friday 19th November, please indicate on the consent form whether you would like your child to receive the vaccine. The form should be returned to your child's Form Tutor by Monday 15th November. If no consent form is returned to school, your child will not be offered a vaccine.

If your child is in Year 11 and will have turned 16 on or before Friday 19th November, you should book a vaccination separately via the NHS booking service if you wish your child to receive the vaccine.

If your child is in Year 7 and will be aged 11 on Friday 19th November, they are not eligible to receive the vaccine in school on this day. However, you will be able to book a vaccination separately via the NHS booking service once your child turns 12.

Recently, the government has enabled children aged 12-15 to arrange their vaccine via the NHS booking service as an alternative to receiving it in schools. If your child has already received the vaccine, or will have received the vaccine by Friday 19th November, please return the consent form indicating that you do not give consent for your child to receive the vaccine in school.

Please can I remind you that the involvement of the school in the vaccination programme is limited to providing access to facilities and administrative support such as distributing and collecting consent forms. Further information for parents/carers regarding the vaccine programme for children aged 12-15 is available on the DfE website here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people-guidance-for-parents>

Kind regards

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