

October 2021

## **COVID-19 vaccination information for parents of children aged 12 to 15 years of age**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

As you know, we have been working hard to keep our school and our community safe this school year. Nevertheless, we are aware of the rising number of COVID-19 infections in this age group across England. The main purpose of the COVID-19 secondary schools vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who are vaccinated and to reduce the disruption to face to face education this winter.

COVID-19 is a very infectious respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Very few healthy children and young people with COVID-19 infection go on to have severe disease.

The decision to vaccinate is down to you as the parent/guardian/carer, and your child. I understand that you will have questions about the vaccine and the process.

### **What will happen next?**

You have been sent an electronic consent form organised by the NHS England School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) for you to complete. The SAIS team will carry out the vaccinations and manage the consent process. The SAIS team will visit The Hastings Academy on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

All consent decisions must be returned by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### **What will happen on the vaccination day?**

The process on the day will be quick and easy. The vaccine will be administered by trained and experienced healthcare staff. Whilst parents/guardians/carers unfortunately can't attend on the day, the SAIS team will do their best to support your and make them feel comfortable child during their vaccination.

If your child is absent on the day of the vaccination or unable to be vaccinated but consent has been given, or if you would prefer to accompany your child during their vaccination, then you will be able to book your child a vaccination appointment at a vaccination centre by visiting [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination). Appointments will be made available in most areas from the 23rd October.

Thank you for continuing to help keep our school and community safe.

Further information

- Here you can find answers to your questions as a parent/guardian/carer: COVID-19 vaccination programme for young people: guidance for parents - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))
- If your child wants more information, they can find it here: COVID-19 vaccination: resources for children and young people - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

Kind regards  
The Hastings Academy