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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19: Vaccination programme for 12 to 15 Year Olds

The [Government has announced that people aged 12 to 15 in England will be offered one dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#), following advice from the four UK Chief Medical Officers (CMOs).

The government has accepted the advice of the four UK CMOs and the NHS is preparing to deliver a schools-based vaccination programme. In Sussex, plans have been developed and over the next six weeks each school will be offered a visit to provide the vaccination for 12 to 15-year-old students. Parental, guardian or carer consent will be sought by vaccination healthcare staff prior to vaccination in line with existing school vaccination programmes.

Please see the guidance on the [Sussex Covid-19 Vaccination Programme website](#) which has contact details for vaccine queries and information on the 12 to 15 Year Olds programme in schools, including FAQs for parents.

Nationally there are also new resources. Public Health England has updated its [page of resources for young people and their families](#) with [answers to some frequently asked questions](#).

Please be aware that we are unable to respond to any queries about the vaccination programme. We are not healthcare professionals and we are simply asked to support the Sussex Health and Care Partnership by communicating with you and by providing a large space for young people to be vaccinated. I can, however, reassure you that your daughter will only participate in the vaccination programme if you, and your daughter have consented to this, via the 'e-consent' process which will be forwarded prior to the vaccination programme commencing.

Yours faithfully

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