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Dear parents, carers and students,

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This letter is to provide parents, carers and students with initial information regarding the Covid-19 vaccination programme for children and young people. The UK Health Security Agency and NHS have published a Guidance for Parents Information Leaflet, which can be found here:

[COVID-19 Vaccination programme for children and young people – guidance for parents \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/95427/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-children-and-young-people-guidance-for-parents.pdf)

We would encourage all parents/carers and students to read the guide as it provides useful information and details about the Covid vaccination programme for 12-15 year olds. It also has information for 16-18 year olds who may not yet have taken up the offer of the vaccine.

The Covid-19 vaccination programme will be provided by the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS). SAIS will be the primary provider of the vaccination programme for healthy 12-15 year olds and will be legally and contractually responsible for the delivery of the vaccine as they are for other school based vaccination programmes. For those aged 12-15, consent will be sought by the SAIS provider from the parent or person with parental responsibility in the same way as any other school vaccination programme. The Parental Leaflet linked above contains useful information about the consent process. Like all school based vaccination programmes, the vaccine will be administered by healthcare staff with appropriate qualifications who work to nationally agreed standards. Vaccines are offered in schools to ensure easy access for all children.

As yet, we have not been allocated dates by the SAIS, nor given details about the collection of the consent forms. As soon as the SAIS have confirmed these dates and details we will be in touch with parents/carers and students again.

The agencies have published two information guides for children and young people which can be accessed from the links below and via the School website:

[COVID-19 vaccination – a guide for children and young people \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/95427/covid-19-vaccination-a-guide-for-children-and-young-people.pdf)

[What to expect after your COVID-19 vaccination – Advice for children and young people \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/95427/what-to-expect-after-your-covid-19-vaccination-advice-for-children-and-young-people.pdf)

Parents/carers and students can find out more information or speak to a member of the SAIS by contacting:

www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk
[Immunisations: Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust](https://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/immunisations)

You can also phone the immunisation team, using the number for the part of Lincolnshire where your child goes to school: South East - Johnson Hospital, 01775 652144 (Spalding).

Yours sincerely

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