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Dear Families

As you may have already heard, the Government has recently announced the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine to all children aged 12 to 15. The decision to vaccinate 12-to-15-year-olds follows advice from the UK's chief medical officers, who have said that rolling out the vaccine to this age group will help to reduce disruption to education.

We have now received general instructions from the Department for Education and Public Health England about the role schools and colleges will have in the vaccination programme. The NHS and Public Health England will run and administer the programme. The vaccination will be available to all children who will be **aged between 12 and 15 on 14 October 2021**. At this stage, I have not received details about how the vaccination programme for Covid-19 will be implemented at our school but have been told that it will take place on 14th October.

The following link includes a list of all the ingredients in the vaccine (pages 4&5):

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1010365/uk-pl-clean.pdf

Please see the attached information about COVID-19 vaccinations from the Sussex Immunisation Service which includes a link to the online consent form. This is a public health programme, led by the local School Age Immunisation Service. If you have any concerns or queries about the vaccination itself, please contact the Service directly. Our school is the venue for the vaccinations, but we do not run or administer the vaccination.

Only students whose families have given consent will be vaccinated. The consent should be completed and submitted by Monday 11th October. **If you have not submitted the consent form as requested by Wednesday the 13th October your child/children will not receive a COVID-19 vaccination.**

ACTION: Return the consent form to enquiries@bohunthorsham.com by 11th October

Students will also be getting the flu vaccine on Monday 11th October. The latest guidance released on Friday is that these two vaccinations can safely be administered this close together.

If your child/children develop any side effects after these vaccinations please let a member of staff know in the usual way and if any further steps need to be taken we will contact you.

Thank you for your ongoing support during this challenging period.

With best wishes

Ms Ayling
Headteacher