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Re: Covid-19 Immunisation

Dear Parent/Carer

Today your child has been given the Covid-19 Vaccination Consent Form which has been provided by Birmingham Community Healthcare (BCH). The NHS has commissioned the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) to deliver the vaccines at school next week on Wednesday 13th or Thursday 14th October 2021. Please read the form very closely as it contains important information.

If your child is not in school to receive the form then please come to school and collect a copy from reception. **The form must be returned to the form tutor, during registration time, by Monday 11th October 2021.** Forms received after Monday morning will not be processed.

BCH asks you to complete this form **regardless of whether you want your child to be vaccinated or not.** You may have personal reasons for not wanting the vaccination, or it may not be suitable for your child because they are self-isolating, waiting for a Covid-19 test/result or within 4 weeks of having had a positive Covid-19 test.

Heart of England School is the venue for this vaccination service, one which would otherwise be unavailable for students aged 12-15. We are acting as hosts and are facilitating the process by which you consent or decline the vaccine.

The school is not responsible for assessing Gillick competence (which is explained here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>) and neither the school nor the vaccination team will mediate between parents/children if there is a disagreement between them over the matter of consent.

For these two days only part of the school is a mass vaccination site for Heart of England school aged children between 12 and 15:

- If your child is 16 or over they can choose to book their own appointment using the online service. They cannot be vaccinated at school.
- The vaccine is not licensed to be delivered to children under the age of 12.
- If your child is having the vaccination please remind them to wear either a short-sleeved shirt or, under their normal school shirt, a plain, pale-coloured camisole/under garment; they will be being vaccinated at the very top of their arm. There will be no privacy screens available in the vaccination room.

We understand that many parents and carers will have questions. Please read the Vaccination Consent Form carefully for further information. If you have any questions that are not answered on the Vaccination Consent form, please email BCHC.covidschools@nhs.net or call 0121 466 7635.

Yours sincerely

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Vice Principal