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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION - COVID-19 VACCINATION**

The COVID-19 vaccination will reduce the chance of suffering from COVID-19 disease. Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective, and it takes a few weeks for the body to build up protection from the vaccine. Some people may still get COVID-19 despite having a vaccination, but this should lessen the severity of any infection. The vaccine cannot give COVID-19 infection, and two doses will reduce the chance of becoming seriously ill. Like all medicines, vaccines can cause side effects. Most of these are mild and short-term, and not everyone gets them.

As directed by Public Health England (PHE) and as per recent JCVI guidance, the COVID-19 vaccination programme has been extended to include all students aged 12 to 15 years old in SEND schools.

## A response is required. You must accept or decline this vaccination by completing the online form.

Please click this link <u>Covid Consent Form</u> to complete the form. You will need this unique code number **EE117685** which identifies your child's school. The electronic link will close at **3pm** on **Tue, 28 Sep 2021**.

Please note the form will not work on some mobile phones and tablets. If you have difficulty completing the form, please call 01727 732062 to give a verbal consent.

It is important to discuss and complete the consent form with your child. For further information regarding the COVID-19 vaccination, please visit <u>www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination</u>. Please make sure on the day of immunisation your child is well and encourage them to eat breakfast.

Yours sincerely,

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