



21 September 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian

### **COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 15 years of age**

I am writing to inform you that we will soon be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in school. I would like to ask if you wish to give your consent for your child to receive a first dose of the vaccine.

This vaccination will be free of charge and our highest priority is making it easy for children to access one dose of the vaccine before the winter.

The main purpose of the COVID-19 school age vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine, to prevent complications following COVID 19 infection and reduce disruption to children's education. Vaccination may also help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population.

During the vaccination delivery we will maintain the range of measures we have in place to keep your child safe from COVID-19.

If you choose to consent, we will schedule the vaccination appointment within the school day. Consent forms should be signed by a person with parental responsibility for the child. Please discuss the vaccination with your child and anyone else who has parental responsibility for your child.

If your child can't be vaccinated when we attend the school – due to absence, a recent infection or another reason – we will provide a further opportunity access the vaccine. This will be at a 'catch up' drop-in vaccination clinic from 08:30 to 3:30pm on Monday 25 and Wednesday 27 October at Trinity Methodist Church, Trinity Gardens, Bramhall, Stockport, SK3 8TR.

If we do not receive a signed form, **we will not take self-consent from your child in the school setting** but will attempt to contact you to discuss further.

If you do not want your child to have the vaccination, please return the form having ticked the disagree box. **Children will not be vaccinated in school against your wishes.**

Further information about the vaccine can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people/covid-19-vaccination-a-guide-for-eligible-children-and-young-people-aged-12-to-17>

If you have any questions about this vaccine that aren't answered on the website, please telephone 0161 474 5912 for further advice.

Please indicate your consent by returning the attached form to a member of staff **within 2 school days** of the issue of this letter

Best wishes,

**Jennifer Connolly**  
Director of Public Health  
Stockport Council