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Dear parent

COVID-19 vaccination update for 12-15 year olds

As the person with parental responsibility for a child who is 12-15, we are updating you on additional ways your child may be vaccinated.

If you have already received this letter or have previously indicated you do not wish your child to be vaccinated against COVID-19, please disregard this letter.

Primary offer – School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS)

Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds will continue to be offered in all schools. Despite the need to reschedule some of our sessions, we remain committed to ensuring every school will be visited at least once to offer the COVID-19 vaccination on site.

During the next few weeks the SAIS will also be starting some community based clinics. These will be in addition to the sessions we are due to hold/have held in schools. Where children already have consent to get the COVID-19 vaccine, they may be invited to the one of these clinics.

Where students have not received the vaccination due to either the session not being complete, absenteeism on the day or late return of consent forms, those with parental responsibility for them will be contacted.

If your child's school has not yet received a visit from the SAIS, please be assured a session is scheduled between now and the end of November.

Supplementary offer

As well as the offer being made to all schools, parents will shortly have the choice to book an appointment via the online National Booking System or by calling 119. This is offer is being made so those who prefer to access the COVID-19 vaccination outside of a school setting can do so, as well as to ensure access throughout the school holidays and beyond. These sessions will be delivered by some of our GP and Community Pharmacy sites.

Please note that if a child has had COVID-19, the vaccination cannot be administered until after 28 days have passed.

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