

ISM/TEM/Covid vaccines 2021

22nd October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer



COVID VACCINATIONS FOR PUPILS AGED 12-15

As I am sure you will be aware, NHS England have commenced a vaccination programme in schools for pupils aged 12-15. This is being run independently by NHS England and Etone College is purely acting as the venue.

Initially we were informed that vaccinations at Etone College would be taking place on Friday 15th October and a consent form was sent electronically to parents/carers of those pupils eligible to have their vaccination. Unfortunately, due to a technical issue beyond our control, a number of parents/carers did not receive this communication and I can only apologise for this issue.

I was later advised by NHS England that, due to the demand for the vaccine and the NHS staffing implications surrounding this, our vaccinations had been postponed and a new date would be arranged after half term. Knowing that a number of parents/carers had not received the consent form due to a technical issue, we requested that NHS England re-open the window for parents/carers to complete the consent form. Unfortunately, NHS England have been unable to accommodate our request.

Vaccinations for those pupils who have been given consent will now take place at Etone on Thursday 4th November 2021. If you have changed your mind and wish to withdraw consent for any reason, please email CWPTSchoolCovidVaccinations@covwarkpt.nhs.uk and they will update their records to ensure your child is not vaccinated on the day.

For those pupils who did not receive the consent form, or did not give consent and now wish to do so, they will be given the opportunity to attend a vaccination clinic outside of school at a local vaccination site. This is rolling out nationally from 23rd October and we will communicate any future dates and information with you as soon as we receive it. Please find a copy of the latest correspondence from the NHS attached.

Again, please accept my apologies that many of you did not receive the consent form but this was beyond our control. Rest assured that our priority is to keep our pupils and their families as safe as possible and we will continue to work alongside NHS England at all times.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a great October half term.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Smith
Headteacher



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21st October 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are writing to you to confirm the arrangements of the vaccination for your school's rescheduled visit, and update you on the nature of the secondary offer of Covid-19 vaccination for all eligible 12 to 15 year-olds that are not able to receive their first dose during our service visit to your child's school.

On the date of our rescheduled visit to your child's school, all children that we have received consent for through the electronic portal will be invited forwards for their vaccination. These lists of children have already been shared with the schools to enable their planning for the clinic before they finish for half-term, however if you have changed your mind and wish to withdraw consent for any reason, please let us know at the email address below and we will update this to ensure your child is not vaccinated on the day.

Any further new consent submissions since the original consent portal closing will unfortunately not be able to be included, and you will need to engage with the secondary offer in order for your child to receive their vaccination.

We can confirm the details of secondary offer of vaccination for this age group will give you the opportunity to book your child's first dose of vaccination at a local vaccination site by using the National Bookings Service (NBS). Unlike the first offer of vaccination which enabled your child to receive this at their school, these clinics will be taking place out of school hours at a local vaccination site.

Whilst this service will begin to go live nationally from the 23rd October, this will commence within Coventry and Warwickshire at a later date. We apologise for this delay that has prevented us from being able to deliver this during half-term as was originally planned. We are working tirelessly to have this offer available to you at the earliest opportunity and thank you for your patience whilst we complete all the necessary preparations for this. As soon as we have a confirmed start date from which you can book in for your child's appointment, you will be notified via your school.



The NBS can be accessed via the following link, or by calling 119:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

For any questions or concerns, please contact the following email address:
CWPTSchoolCovidVaccinations@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Yours faithfully

Coventry & Warwickshire School Aged Immunisation Service

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