



St. Thomas More
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Palace Fields, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AF

Headteacher: Mr D Redfern

15th September 2021

RE: Vaccination of children aged 12-15 for Covid-19

Dear Parent / Carer,

Following the announcement yesterday from the Government, I am writing to you with a short update outlining the school's position. As yet, we have not received any details of the vaccination programme from either the DfE or the NHS, so I am unable to give exact information as to how things will proceed. What I can decipher from the information shared publicly yesterday, is that the Covid-19 vaccination will be like any other distributed in schools by the NHS. Information will be sent to pupils and parents for them to consider at home, this information is not produced by the school, but by the Government/NHS. Following your conversations at home, parental consent will be managed by the NHS, this is usually via an online form (from previous school vaccination programmes). If a child and parent have conflicting opinions on the vaccination, this dispute is dealt with by a clinician, not a member of staff at school. More often than not, children and parents will come to the same conclusion. I also want to reassure you that the school will not influence pupil or parent decisions on whether to accept a vaccine or not, this is entirely up to you based on the information you receive.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Redfern
Headteacher

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