



15th September 2021

RE: National Vaccination Programme

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may have seen in the press recently all schools have been asked to support the expansion of the national vaccination programme for children between the ages of 12-15.

We have been contacted by the Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust who will be delivering vaccinations at Hertswood Academy on **Thursday 23rd September**. An overview of this process is outlined below:

- Only students aged 12 -15 on the day of the vaccination are eligible to have the vaccination.
- Prior to 23rd September 2021 parents should complete the online consent form linked on the NHS letter below if they wish for their child to be vaccinated. (*Please note: if the NHS do not have a completed consent form, your child will not be vaccinated.*) This link will close at 12pm on Wednesday 22nd September.
- Students should attend school as normal on 23rd September 2021 and will be engaged in lessons for the majority of the day.
- Students will be given a time slot for their vaccination at the start of next week and will be guided by teachers to ensure that they arrive at the right time.
- Students will be given the Pfizer vaccination by trained NHS staff.
- After their vaccination students will be monitored for 15 minutes by trained NHS staff.

The NHS letter below provides you with more detailed information and relevant contact details. Please read this advice carefully.

If you have any questions regarding this process please do not hesitate to contact us at admin@hertswoodacademy.org.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Parent/Carer,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

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 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.

Following the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and Public Health England (PHE), the COVID-19 mass vaccination programme has been extended to include all 12 to 15-year-olds in Hertfordshire. The School Aged Immunisation Team (SAIS) have been commissioned to deliver the programme in all secondary schools in Hertfordshire. The team will visit your school on:

School Name: Hertswood Academy

Session Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2021

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

Please click this link [Covid Consent Form](#) and complete the form.

You will need this unique code number **EE138747** which identifies your child's school.

The electronic link will close at **12pm on Wed, 22 Sep 2021.**

Please note this 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 www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination. Please make sure on the day of immunisation your child is well and encourage them to eat breakfast.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child is in Year 8 and you also consent to the HPV vaccination, this will be given at the same session.

Yours sincerely,

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