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Dear Parent/Carer.

RE Vaccination Programme - Spring 2022

We are distributing this information on behalf of the Central and North West London NHS Immunisation Service. If you have further questions about the vaccination programme, please refer to the websites below or contact them directly – we have included contact details below.

COVID-19 Vaccine – Wednesday 23 February 2022

This year, all students aged 12, 13, 14 and 15 on February 23 2022 will be offered the 2nd COVID-19 vaccination providing more than 12 weeks have passed since their first dose. More information can be found in the accompanying leaflets and via this website: COVID-19 vaccination: resources for children and young people - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

In order to give or withhold consent consent for your child to receive a first or Second dose of the vaccine, please complete the paper 'COVID-19 Vaccination consent form for children and young people'. A hard copy has been given to your child and a digital version is available on the school website.

Deadline: Monday 21 February 2022

- Please complete and return the paper form by the deadline, regardless of whether you choose to give or withhold consent. We need to know the level of uptake in order to plan the logistics of each day.
- Please ask your child to return the paper form to the collection boxes that will be on the school gate each morning, the school reception, or in their Head of Year's office.
- You can also book for your 12-15-year-old to receive vaccination through the National Booking Service:

https://northcentrallondonccg.nhs.uk/my-health/covid-19/walk-in-vaccination-clinics/

Please note that this link is intended for parents of 12-15-year olds only.



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All best wishes,

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Dear Parents and Guardians

The NHS is offering another opportunity for a COVID-19 vaccine to children and young people aged 12-15 in Camden schools over the next few weeks. If your child has had their first dose of the vaccine, they will receive their second dose. If they are unvaccinated, they are able to have their first dose.

Please complete the vaccination consent form that you have received from school to let us know whether or not you would like your child to receive the vaccine when the school vaccination service visit your child's school.

To help you make a decision that's right for you and your child, you can check the advice for under-18s on the local <u>NHS website</u>. Please use information from reliable sources, like this, and beware of misinformation that you may come across on social media.

As your local Public Health team, we continue to work with our schools to do everything we can to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on children's education and wellbeing, and to protect everyone in the school community. We thank you for all that you are doing as well.

The provision of the vaccine for 12-15 year olds will help to increase this protection for individual children, their families and school communities. In making your decision it may help you to know that:

- COVID-19 is usually mild in most children, but it can make some children unwell.
- 1 dose of the COVID-19 vaccine gives good protection against your child getting seriously ill. But 2 doses gives stronger and longer-lasting protection.
- Vaccinating children can also help stop the spread of COVID-19 to other people, including within schools.

Finally, if you, or family and friends, have not been fully vaccinated yet, you can book or walk-in for a free NHS COVID-19 vaccination at sites in the borough. There is more information on the council's website at camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine.

Yours sincerely,

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