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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school, we have been requested to share with you the following information from Wolverhampton City Council:

We all know how much disruption Covid-19 has caused to work, school and family life. With this in mind, we would like to encourage you, and those in your family that are eligible, to take up the offer of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Vaccines are the most effective way to prevent infectious diseases including Covid-19. Vaccines teach your immune system to create antibodies that protect you from the disease. It is much safer for your immune system to learn this through vaccination than by catching the disease.

The vaccine will help to reduce the risk of catching, getting seriously ill or dying from Covid-19. As well as protecting those that have the vaccine, they also protect others in your community by helping to stop the disease spreading to those who cannot have the vaccine.

Very few healthy children and young people with COVID-19 infection go on to have severe illness but vaccinating secondary school children should help to reduce the need for them to have time off school, disrupting face to face learning and reduces the risk of the spread of COVID-19 within school settings.

A first dose offers some protection 3 to 4 weeks after having it, but two doses (and where eligible a booster) are needed for stronger and longer protection.

All adults and children aged 12 and over are eligible for a first and second dose of the vaccine. A third booster dose is also available for adults and young people aged 16 or over, providing it has been 12 weeks since their second dose. For further information on vaccine eligibility please see the following link:

[Who can get the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If you would like to book a vaccine for you or your family, you can attend one of our local vaccination centres. Please follow the links below to find a site near you:

[find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) to get vaccinated without needing an appointment

[book your COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy

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If you have recently tested positive for Covid-19 you will be unable to receive the vaccine for 4 weeks, from the date your symptoms started or, if you had no symptoms, from the date of your positive test. If your child has recently tested positive a vaccine should be delayed until after 12 weeks.

We understand that this may be an anxious time for you when considering if you or your child or children should have the vaccine and that you may have some questions. For further information to help you and your child make an informed decision please follow the links below:

Adults [COVID-19 vaccination: guide for adults - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-vaccination-guide-for-adults)

Parents [COVID-19 vaccination programme for children and young people: guidance for parents \(version 3\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-children-and-young-people-guidance-for-parents-version-3)

Young People [COVID-19 vaccination: resources for children and young people aged 12 to 17 years - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people-aged-12-to-17-years)

If you require further information to inform your decision on having a vaccine yourself or giving consent for your child to receive the vaccination, please seek further advice from your GP.

The offer of a COVID-19 vaccine will continue to be available to all those who want to be vaccinated in the future.

Yours sincerely, for and on behalf of Wolverhampton City Council.

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