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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of September and the first month of the new school year, I would like to thank you for your continued support, as we navigate through what are still challenging times.

We are now at a point where we are living with the COVID virus. In school this involves the range of control measures we have put in place, as well as the ongoing twice weekly home testing programme. I actively encourage you to keep on with the testing, as this has allowed us to identify cases quickly and take the appropriate action. On average since our return in September, we have had 5% of the school population return a positive PCR test per week. Please continue to be vigilant and if your child is showing any signs of symptoms, please book them in for a test.

At the start of September it was announced that children aged 12 to 15 would be eligible for a single dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. We have been contacted by the immunisation team to seek parental consent, in preparation for this taking place in school in the coming weeks. The details of this and a link to the consent form can be found in the attached letter from the Immunisation team. In addition to the consent form there is a checklist. As an important part of the consent process, the document provides comprehensive risk-benefit information, assisting parents and children in making an informed decision on whether they feel a COVID-19 vaccination would be in their best interest. Please complete the consent form by Friday 1st October.

For further information on the COVID-19 vaccination programme, please visit the NHS Coronavirus Vaccination page at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination>.

The decision to vaccinate lies with the individual, however a child will not be vaccinated without the consent of their parents. I would urge you as a family to discuss this before submitting the form. The main purpose of the COVID-19 school age vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine and may help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population.

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I would also like to stress that the programme for immunisation is being carried out by NHS England and not Oakwood High school. We, like all schools, are merely providing a venue for the vaccinations to be administered. As will all vaccinations administered in school, they will be carried out by a fully trained team of people. School staff and volunteers will be on hand to support and supervise pupils through the process.

If you require any further information on the vaccination programme, please do not hesitate to contact us via the attendance team, [attendance@oakwood.ac](mailto:attendance@oakwood.ac) or call 01709 512222 ext 2006.

Yours faithfully

Chris Eccles - Headteacher

If you need some help with a translation of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Ak potrebujete pomoc s prekladom, kludne mi napíšte email a ja vám zavolám pri prvej vhodnej príležitosti. Moja emailová adresa je [h.vereczy@oakwood.ac](mailto:h.vereczy@oakwood.ac)

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