

16th September 2021

Dear Varndean Families

You will probably have heard the Government announcements that they are now offering COVID-19 vaccinations to children aged 12 to 15. The vaccination programme will be delivered in schools, as is standard practice for other public vaccination programmes such as HPV and DTP.

Please read the message from Sussex NHS attached here:

 [Sussex Vaccination Programme - Parent and carer message 140921](#)

There are of course a wide range of views on vaccinating children, and it is ultimately *up to you* the parent /carer to give consent. So please be assured that consent will be sought prior to vaccination in line with existing school vaccination programmes. We will send you a link to the online consent system when they are provided by the NHS.

We appreciate that you will have lots of questions and we are expecting further information about the national programme over the coming days, which we will of course share with you when it becomes available. At this stage we just wanted to make you aware of the government plans. In the meantime you can see the latest information on the Sussex Health and Care Partnership website:

[Sussex COVID-19 Vaccination Programme](#)

If you have a question about the Sussex COVID-19 vaccination programme please take a look at their frequently asked questions page: [FAQs about the COVID-19 vaccine](#) If you can't find the answer, please contact the Vaccine Enquiries Team:

Email: sxccg.vaccineenquiries@nhs.net

Call the vaccine enquiry phone line: 0800 433 4545 (open 9am - 4pm, Monday to Friday).

Kind regards

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