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Dear Parent/Guardian

## **COVID VACCINATION FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN BETWEEN AGED 12 – 15 YEARS OLD**

From 20<sup>th</sup> September all children aged 12-15 years old will be offered the COVID vaccination.

Research has shown the vaccines help:

- reduce the risk of getting seriously ill or dying from COVID-19
- reduce the risk of catching or spreading COVID-19
- protect against COVID-19 variants

Please complete the consent form using the following link <https://saint.somersetft.nhs.uk/covid/2021/east> as soon as possible, this link will close 24 hours prior to the session date. If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason, please contact Somerset SAINT for assistance.

If you give consent for your child to receive both the flu and COVID vaccines, please note these will be co-administered by an experienced Immunisation Nurse during the same school based vaccination session. Each vaccine is consented separately so that families are able to consent for one, both or neither vaccine independently.

We will spend time with each child on the day to make sure they are comfortable whilst receiving the vaccination (which will be given in the arm). If receiving the flu then this will be given nasally either directly before or after the Covid vaccination. We will then supervise them for a minimum of 15 minutes after the vaccination.

**Please complete the consent form even if you do not consent to the vaccination.**

The consent form can only be completed by someone with parental responsibility, if you have any queries about whether or not you hold parental responsibility and are therefore able to complete the consent form please contact the immunisation team by email at [SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk](mailto:SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk).

There is an expectation that the immunisation team will only visit your child's school once during this programme, although community based catch up sessions for children will be offered at the some point in the future (dates/times to be confirmed).

If your child has received any other vaccinations (or has any planned) after 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 please email [SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk](mailto:SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk) with details to allow us to triage them.

Yours sincerely

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