

13 October 2021

## COVID Vaccinations

Dear Parents & Carers,

Please see below an update on Covid vaccines.

If your child is aged 16 or over they can get vaccinated at a walk in centre. Please book this via this link – <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> - it's quick and simple to do. We are not planning to vaccinate these children in school given the disruption it will cause, and how easy it is to book outside of school.

If your child is aged 12 to 15, they can't currently book into one of these centres. Instead, the NHS will be offering the chance for them to be vaccinated (Pfizer) here at KAA next Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Please note;

- There is no pressure or expectation for any student to receive the vaccine – it is **entirely your choice**.
- Students will **only be vaccinated where you have given your express written consent**. The process for this is;
  - o Parents must email [vaccine@kaa.org.uk](mailto:vaccine@kaa.org.uk) and state the name of their child / children and that they **DO** give consent (if you do not consent, there is no need to email).
  - o The email must come from the same account that is registered on our school database, so we can verify it's from you.
  - o You must **also** complete and sign an NHS consent form – your child will bring a hard copy of this home this week, and they can also be collected from reception or you can print yourself using the attachment here.
- If we do not have **BOTH** an official email from you and a signed consent form, your child will not be vaccinated. Please therefore make sure they have the consent form with them and deliver to school no later than **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm**.
- Children who have consent will be collected from lessons during the day on Thursday and vaccinated by a registered NHS nurse in the Dance Studio – the whole process takes about 20 minutes, so disruption to their learning will be kept to a minimum.

If your child is 11 or younger there is no option for them to be vaccinated at this time, however the NHS have indicated this will happen soon (either after their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday or via an expanded programme – this is likely to happen in vaccination centres to avoid placing further pressure on schools).

Many thanks,

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