



19 November 2021

Dear parents and carers,

## 12-15 school vaccination programme

As advised in the parent bulletin last week, the Immunisation Service have confirmed that COVID-19 vaccinations will be offered to students aged 12-15 on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Please note children in year 7 under the age of 12 will not be eligible for the vaccine.

### Consent

**A week ahead of this date**, parents and carers will be asked to complete a consent form online which is coordinated by the NHS team. Only students who have the necessary consent will be vaccinated so if you wish to opt out of the programme, please do not fill in the form. Please note that the NHS manage all matters related to consent. As matters related to consent are **not** managed by Bournside school, please communicate with the vaccination team directly via the [NHS Gloucestershire COVID-19 website](#). NHS guidance for parents can be viewed [here](#).

Please ensure that you complete the form by 9am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> if you wish to give consent for your son or daughter to receive the vaccination.

### Students who have had the virus

The clinical guidance has been updated by the UK Health Security Agency to recommend that young people aged 12-17 who are not in a high-risk group should wait 12 weeks after a positive COVID-19 infection before getting their first vaccine dose. This is a change from previous advice that vaccination should be deferred for around 4 weeks after confirmed infection.

### Practical arrangements

To ensure that the programme runs smoothly and to minimise disruption to learning on the day teachers will take year groups to have their vaccinations at set times of the day. Students will assemble in either the old or new sports hall for a vaccination if consent is given or to take part in an alternative activity if consent has not been given. Children will wait for 15 minutes post vaccine for monitoring by NHS staff.

**All students should come to school in their PE kit on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Please be reminded that children in this age group are also eligible for vaccinations at drop-in sessions; this may be of use if they are not in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Yours sincerely

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