



Anthony Gell School

20 September 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Covid Vaccination Available for Students Aged 12-15 Years of Age

I am now in a position to provide you with an update regarding COVID-19 vaccinations for students aged 12-15 years old. Derbyshire Community Health Services have made contact with the school to request use of our facilities to enable AGS students, for whom consent has been given, to receive one dose of the COVID-19 (Pfizer/BioNTech) vaccine.

Consent forms for this vaccination are being managed by the North Derbyshire Immunisation Team. The vaccine programme will be administered by the School Age Immunisation Service.

Parents/guardians of children in Years 7-11 will be able to use the link and the code in the information attached to this letter, in order to consent or decline this invitation for the COVID-19 vaccination. Most students in Year 7 will not be old enough to receive the vaccine this half term, and some students in Year 11 will be too old to receive the vaccine in school this half term. Separate arrangements are in place for young people who are aged 16-18 and these involve vaccinations outside of school.

Prior to making a decision regarding whether or not to consent, parents and carers will probably wish to have a discussion with their children and review the information which is readily available online. In doing so, I would urge families to use trusted sources of information as there is a lot of misinformation on the subject of Covid vaccinations. A useful starting point for families may be the leaflet which has been created by the NHS with you in mind [COVID-19 Vaccination - A guide for children and young people](#) .

In keeping with our usual approach, and in line with the advice of the UK's Chief Medical Officers, decisions children and young people aged 12 to 15 and their parents/carers take with regards to this vaccine will be respected. We will work hard as a school to prevent any stigmatisation either for accepting, or declining, the vaccination offer.

I will write to you again shortly with information on the exact date in October when these vaccinations will take place at AGS.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following national guidance we will be offering the Covid-19 vaccination to young people age 12 – 15 and will be continuing to use the e-consent as with other vaccine programmes. The flu vaccination is a separate form so please ensure you complete both consent forms if you wish your child to be vaccinated.

Children must be at least 12 on the day of vaccination. Please only complete the consent form if your child will be aged 12-15 on the day of vaccination.

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Covid> to complete the consent form.

Your unique school code for **Anthony Gell School** is **DD112968**

Please be aware that due to storage requirements of the vaccine the team will need to know the number of vaccines needed in advance and therefore the consent system will close 24 hours prior to the session in school. If your school session is on a Monday, the form will close the Friday before.

For more information about the vaccination please visit [COVID-19 Vaccination - A guide for children and young people](#)

If you experience any problems completing the consent form or would like further information please call the School Age Immunisation Team as below:

Clay Cross Hospital: 01246 252953, or email DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net