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Dear Parent or Guardian

COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 15 years of age

I am writing to let you know about the opportunities for children to access the COVID-19 vaccination out of school.

The main purpose of the COVID-19 school-age vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine, to prevent complications following COVID 19 infection and reduce disruption to children's education. Vaccination may also help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population.

This vaccination will be free of charge and our highest priority is making it easy for children to access one dose of the vaccine before the winter. During the vaccination delivery we will maintain the range of measures we have in place to keep children safe from COVID-19.

If your child has not received the vaccine yet within school, there are now opportunities for you to enable them to access this:

Firstly, the vaccination will be offered at 'drop in' clinics from 08:30 to 3:30pm on Monday 25 and Wednesday 27 October at Trinity Methodist Church, Trinity Gardens, Bramhall, Stockport, SK3 8TL. You do not need to book an appointment.

Secondly, the National Booking Service at www.nhs.uk/book-a-coronavirus-vaccination is due to open on Friday 22 October for parents to book vaccination appointments for 12-15 year olds at the Etihad Stadium or at community pharmacies. If there isn't a convenient appointment the first time you try, please keep trying, as further appointments will be added to this service over the coming weeks.

Further information about the vaccine can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people/covid-19-vaccination-a-guide-for-eligible-children-and-young-people-aged-12-to-17>. If you have any questions about this vaccine that aren't answered on the website, please telephone 0161 474 5912 for further advice.

Best wishes,

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