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Dear parents & carers,

COVID Vaccinations - Monday 11 October 2021 and Tuesday 12 October 2021

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. The Kent Community Health Foundation NHS Trust will be coming into The Sittingbourne School on Monday, 11 October 2021 and Tuesday, 12 October 2021 to administer COVID-19 vaccination injections to students in Years 7 to 11 who have been given parental consent. Details of the vaccination can be found in the attached documents provided by the NHS.

Contained in the attached document labelled "Sittingbourne Letter to Parents" is a link to the NHS webpage where parents and carers can give permission for their child to have the vaccine. This needs to be completed by 3.00 on Wednesday 6th October.

I would like to make it clear to all parents that the vaccination programme is an NHS organised and administered programme. The Sittingbourne School is only providing a location for the vaccinations to take place. We have no involvement with the collecting of consent for the vaccine.

Furthermore, neither The Sittingbourne School, The Swale Academies Trust nor any of its staff are encouraging or discouraging the vaccine for children. This is solely a choice for parents and carers to make. The attached documents should provide parents and carers with some necessary information to support their decision.

Finally, I would also like to confirm that no child without parent/carer consent will be given the vaccination in school. If a child aged between 11 and 15 year of age wishes to have the vaccine but it goes against their parents/carers wishes, this must be taken up with either the local immunisation team or your local GP. The Sittingbourne School and its staff will not be drawn into discussions on this matter and full attendance is still required on the days the vaccine is being administered, even if a child is not having the vaccination.

Kind regards

Mr N Smith
Head of School