



Chew Valley School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of our fourth week, the school has now settled back following the summer break. It has been a busy term with a number of information evenings for parents and carers already taking place. In addition, we ran two open evenings last week on Wednesday and Thursday for prospective parents and carers which were really well attended.

We have also had an INSET day last Friday where the staff focused on important safeguarding updates and training to do with the recently revised document around Keeping Children Safe In Education (KCSIE, 2021) along with some time spent thinking about meeting the needs of specific groups of students.

Miss Kenyon, one of our Assistant Headteachers, has led each assembly this week for Houses where she has talked about what we are doing as a community to look after each other in all aspects and how students can contribute to this. She will talk about some of the areas covered at the RSE Evening for all years which is referred to below on the 7th October.

In the coming weeks, we have a number of opportunities for parents and carers to come into school. Information for these events has already been communicated with parents and carers of the relevant year groups but I have added the details and links below:

On **Tuesday 5th October at 7pm**, Mrs Rowlands and Mr Cocks will lead a session with other staff **for parents and carers of Year 10 and 11 students** where they will cover aspects of these two important years including how parents and carers can support their children through this period. If you would like to attend, please confirm your attendance by using the following links:

- For Year 10, please click [here](#)
- For Year 11, please click [here](#)

On **Thursday 7th October at 7pm**, we have an evening for all parents and carers where Mrs Pope, our Head of RSE, and Miss Kenyon will be presenting and taking questions on **how we teach about sex and relationships in our curriculum and other areas of school including conversations around consent and harmful sexual behaviour**. If you would like to attend, please confirm your attendance [here](#).

There will also be the opportunity for parents and carers of students in Years 8 and 9 to attend events in school over the next couple of months.

In addition I wanted to let you know Virgin Care have contacted the school regarding forthcoming nasal flu vaccinations for students in Years 7 to 11. These will take place on Tuesday 19th October and I have attached information in Letter 1 from Virgin Care which includes a link for parental consent which needs to be completed by Monday 11th October should you wish your child to receive this vaccine.

In addition, I have also attached initial information in Letter 2 from Virgin Care regarding COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 15 years for your attention. Once we receive any further details of the COVID-19 vaccination programme from Virgin Care, we will send this to all parents and carers of children in the relevant age range.

With very best wishes

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

Letter 1:

Dear Parents/guardians,

Your child is in **Year 7 to Year 11** (or Year R to Year 11) from September 2021 and is therefore eligible for a Free **Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination**. The immunisation team will be visiting your child's school on Tuesday 19th October.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system, which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to protect them and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

Considering the above, we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination asap. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "decline". On this link you will also find answers to your FAQ's and links to the current Public Health England and manufacturers leaflets. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

Prior to completion of the consent, you will need each individual child's unique NHS number – this can be found in their red book, or via this link:

[Find your NHS number - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2021/banes>

We will be **operating a strict policy of closing the consent links 7 days before the school session date**. If you complete a late consent (after the link closing date or on the day), your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school and you will be offered the opportunity to book them into a local community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines open 9:00 until 16:30)

Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Virgin Care Immunisation Team

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Letter 2:

Dear Parents and guardians,

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

I am writing to inform you that we will imminently be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in school. Covid vaccinations will only be administered to children where a positive consent has been completed by parents/ guardians. If there is any discrepancy between child and parental view a call will be made to parents away from the immunisation sessions to discuss and catch-up vaccinations can be arranged where required.

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. The main purpose of the COVID-19 school age vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine and may help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population.

We are only able to obtain consent for the covid vaccine programme a few days prior to the session taking place. Therefore, please look out for the link to complete the e consent via school and complete as soon as this is received to ensure your child does not miss out on the vaccine at school should you wish them to have this. The consent link will only be open for 48 hours for your school.

To inform your consent and decisions about the vaccine prior to receiving the consent please see information on the children's covid vaccination via this link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1019020/PHE_12073_COVID-19_parents_leaflet.pdf

The programme is open to all young people in school years 7-11 who are 12 years or older on the date of vaccination. The offer is currently only available in schools and not other venues. The vaccine is being co-administered alongside the nasal flu vaccine in school (where the flu session has not already been completed in school), the consent for the flu vaccination has been distributed via separate communication from school so please also complete the flu consent if you wish your child to receive both vaccines. Please note the Covid vaccine is not a live vaccine and there is therefore no risk to other children or unvaccinated children from this taking place in school.

The universal 12–15-year-olds vaccination is currently a 1 dose vaccine schedule, should this change or should your child be identified as clinically extremely vulnerable or identified as living with an immuno-compromised household member, contact will be made to obtain consent for subsequent vaccine doses where required.

Best wishes,
Charlotte Forward
Operational Lead for 12-15 CoVID Vaccinations
Virgin Care Services Limited

Information about COVID-19 vaccines is available at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine.

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