

Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will receive a letter today from the NHS about a COVID vaccination session for 12 to 15 year olds, which is taking place at Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School on Thursday 21st October. Your child will need to be aged 12-15 on the day of the vaccinations. Older pupils can access vaccinations in NHS vaccination centres.

For your child to be vaccinated, the NHS will require your consent. In the letter there is a link for you to accept or decline the invitation for your child to have the vaccination. Please can you read the letter very carefully and provide a response to the NHS, **whether or not** you are providing consent for your child. Please note that the electronic link closes at **12pm on Weds 20th October 2021**. We have no information about any catch-up sessions.

Please can you note the following:

- The school is simply providing the venue for the vaccinations. We have no part in managing any aspect of the consent or vaccination process except for managing the rota for students to come for their vaccinations where they have consent.
- We have no further details other than that provided in the letter to you from Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust. Please do not ask us for further details; there is a website which gives more information, the address of which is in the letter.

The letter states that HPV vaccinations for Year 8 will also take place on this date. However, this is <u>not</u> the case for BHGS and only COVID-19 vaccinations will be administered.

I am also forwarding a letter regarding these vaccinations from Professor Jim McManus, Director of Public Health for Hertfordshire and Jo Fisher, Director of Children's Services.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Wood Headteacher

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