

# ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## WEST CUMBRIA CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Parents and carers

As you may be aware, the government are planning to roll out vaccinations for children aged 12 to 15. We are working closely with the Local Authority, Cumbria Public Health, and the NHS, to plan for this roll out in school. As soon as we have all the information regarding the vaccination programme, we will inform you.

However, I thought it was pertinent to write to you today, to outline what we know so far. Firstly, the vaccines will be carried out by the NHS School Vaccination Team. All children aged 12 to 15 will be offered the vaccine. However, if your child is aged 11 or aged 16 or over, we have been informed that they will not be offered the vaccine as part of this programme (unfortunately, this is beyond the control of the school). Consent forms will be sent out to all parents before the vaccinations begin.

I realise that for some people this is a perhaps an anxious time, but please be assured we will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible, as and when we receive the information.

On another note, I would like to inform you about the current procedure for COVID cases in school. As you are aware last year it was the responsibility of the school to track and trace any close contacts of positive cases within school. This has now changed, and all track and trace actions are carried out by the NHS, and they will inform people if they are a close contact. Close contacts are no longer automatically required to isolate but the appropriate advice will be given by NHS track and trace when contacted. The school will continue to monitor cases and will work with Public Health Cumbria. I hope this clarifies the situation.

We will continue to try and keep everyone as safe as possible, within the guidelines, and I thank you for your continued support.

Emma Jackson  
Head Teacher

