

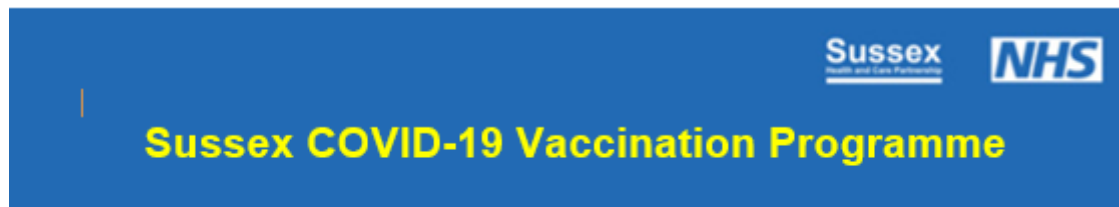


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16/09/2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the news that a Covid-19 vaccination programme will be carried out via secondary schools, Brighton & Hove City Council has asked Longhill High School to forward the following message from Sussex Health and Care Partnership.



COVID-19 Vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds

The Government has announced that people aged 12 to 15 in England will be offered one dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, following advice from the four UK Chief Medical Officers (CMOs).

The government has accepted the advice of the four UK CMOs and the NHS is preparing to deliver a schools-based vaccination programme, which is the successful model used for vaccinations including for HPV and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP), supported by GPs and community pharmacies. Invitations for vaccination will begin next week.

In Sussex, plans have been developed to run vaccination sessions in schools and over the next six weeks each school will be offered a visit to provide the vaccination for 12 to 15 year old students. Parental, guardian or carer consent will be sought by vaccination healthcare staff prior to vaccination in line with existing school vaccination programmes.

We will write out to every parent, guardian or carer with the details of this session for our school, the consent process, and next steps.

In the meantime, we recognise that you may have questions – please visit <https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme> for the latest information.

Parental, guardian or carer consent will be sought by vaccination healthcare staff prior to vaccination in line with existing school vaccination programmes. We will follow national consent guidance but do not expect children without consent in place to be vaccinated in schools.

As we receive further information, in the coming days and weeks we will communicate fully the plans for the roll out of the vaccination.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Williams".

Kate Williams

Headteacher