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Dear parent/carer,

We want to let you know that the COVID-19 vaccination date for young people aged 12-15 at your child's school has changed.

The new date at Maplewell Hall School will be on Tuesday, 26 October 2021.

Since starting the schools programme, we have unfortunately had to postpone some vaccination sessions and revise our initial plans. We apologise that we have had to do this and understand how disappointing it has been for the young people and parents affected.

To ensure we give the vaccine as quickly and smoothly as possible to all those who are choosing to receive it, we have extended the school vaccination programme to run until the end of November and have enlisted the support of GPs and community pharmacists who specialise in vaccinations.

We want to assure you, that all young people with parental consent will be offered the opportunity to be vaccinated. If a young person with consent is unable to attend the school session, because they are unwell or absent on the day, we can confirm there will be other opportunities for them to have the COVID-19 vaccination and we will alert you to those should the need arise.

Please note you do not need to do anything about the consent forms you have already completed – we will keep these on file for the new session date.

Though very few children and young people with COVID-19 infection go on to have severe disease, we are offering the vaccine to help reduce the need to have time off school and to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19.

Our staff have worked extremely hard to set up this vaccination programme at speed and we want to thank you and your children for your flexibility and patience as we deliver this programme across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland schools.

In the meantime, if you or your child have any questions about the vaccine, we encourage you to visit the following sites for more information:

Health for Teens - www.healthforteens.co.uk/health/coronavirus/COVID-19-vaccination-information/

Gov.uk – guidance for parents - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/COVID-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/COVID-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people-guidance-for-parents>

You can also watch recordings of our recent COVID-19 question and answer webinars, for parents and young people, on our YouTube channel. The sessions include short presentation from NHS and public health vaccine professionals, before going into an open question and answer session with participant on the call.

- Webinar for young people and their parents (6.10.21): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcmXCzDRmhs>
- Webinar for parents (28.9.21): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONewlXQy4a4&t=1370s>

A COVID-19 vaccine guide for parents in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland – with a range of commonly asked questions - can also be downloaded from our website: <https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/COVID-19-12-15-vaccine-parent-information-pack-1.pdf>

Thank you once again for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H'.

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