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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you and your family are keeping well. I wanted to get in touch because as you may have already heard, the Government has recently announced the rollout of the vaccine to all children aged 12 to 15.

We are currently awaiting guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England on what role schools and colleges will have in the vaccination programme and we will provide more information when it is available. However, I wanted to relay what has been established so far and reassure you that we will be working closely with local teams and following government guidance throughout this process.

The decision to vaccinate 12-to-15-year-olds follows advice from the UK's chief medical officers, who have said that rolling out the vaccine to this age group will help to reduce disruption to education.

Parents and young people will have the choice as to whether or not to take the vaccine, and this will be entirely up to your family. However, we will work closely with both our local NHS team, and parents and carers to ensure that you and your children understand the options available to you. Should your child wish to get vaccinated against your wishes, a clinician will make a decision on the best course of action, rather than academy or Trust staff.

Whilst it will be the NHS and Public Health England who will be running and administering the programme, and not the academy, because our academy building is publicly owned it may be that Public Health England decides to set up a vaccination centre on the grounds. The health and safety of our students is our top priority, and as such we will ensure that if a vaccination programme is carried out on site it is in line with our safeguarding and health and safety procedures.

I hope this helps to clarify any concerns you might have, and we will update you as soon as we know any more information.

Thank you for your ongoing support during this period.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Robson'.

Mrs C Robson
Principal

