

FLU & COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Sent on behalf of The Buckingham School.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you about the forthcoming vaccinations being offered by the NHS at The Buckingham School. Please note that the Y7 Flu only vaccinations were moved to Monday, 18th October. These take place as follows:

- Monday, 18th October: Year 7 (Flu only) ; Years 10 and 11 (Flu & Covid-19)
- Friday, 22nd October: Year 7 (those who are already aged 12 for Covid-19 only), Years 8 and 9 (Flu & Covid-19)

We are aware that the issue of Covid-19 vaccines is an emotive one in society. Many of us have strong views on this, whether these be rights or medically based. Please refer back to the Headteacher's letter which contained information about the vaccination process. The school is merely facilitating the vaccinations. As such, we will not be receiving information about whether you have granted consent for either vaccine (flu or Covid-19) or both.

Please note:

- All students will all be taken to the Sports Hall in their classes, regardless of whether they are due to receive vaccines or not – the NHS will call forward those who have consent in place, and administer one or both vaccines
- To avoid confusing or alarming them, it is important that your child is clear on which vaccinations you have consented to and you discuss ahead of the day any concerns that they may have
- Your child has a legal right (provided they are 13) to ask for a vaccine, regardless of the consent that you have given or not given – please discuss their rights/your decision with them
- Likewise, any student may refuse a vaccine, regardless of the consent that you have given – again please discuss their rights/your decision with them.

With best wishes.

The Buckingham School