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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION - COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

The COVID-19 vaccination will reduce the chance of suffering from COVID-19 disease. Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective, and it takes a few weeks for the body to build up protection from the vaccine. Some people may still get COVID-19 despite having a vaccination, but this should lessen the severity of any infection. The vaccine cannot give COVID-19 infection, and two doses will reduce the chance of becoming seriously ill. Like all medicines, vaccines can cause side effects. Most of these are mild and short-term, and not everyone gets them.

Following the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and Public Health England (PHE), the COVID-19 mass vaccination programme has been extended to include all 12 to 15-year-olds in Hertfordshire. The School Aged Immunisation Team (SAIS) have been commissioned to deliver the programme in all secondary schools in East Anglia. The team will visit your school on:

**School Name: Stour Valley**

**School Date: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**A response is required. You must accept or decline this vaccination by completing the online form.**

Please click this link [COVID-19 consent](#) and complete the form. You will need this unique code number **EE136757** which identifies your child's school. The electronic link will close at midday on the day before the vaccine session. Our contact details are above.

It is important to discuss and complete the consent form with your child. For further information regarding the COVID-19 vaccination, please visit [www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination). Please make sure on the day of immunisation your child is well and encourage them to eat breakfast.

**PLEASE NOTE: If your child is in Year 8 or above and you also consent to the HPV vaccination, this may be given at the same session.**

Yours sincerely,

Hertfordshire and East Anglia Community and School Age Immunisation Team