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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

12-15 year old Covid 19 vaccinations

Please find an update below from the Gloucestershire NHS Covid Team

Following a review of the guidance, last week the UKHSA announced that children who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are not at high risk from COVID-19 need to wait at least 12 weeks before they can have a COVID-19 vaccine. This increase from four weeks to twelve weeks is based on the emerging evidence from the UK and other countries.

This starts from the date they had symptoms, or the date of the positive test if they did not have symptoms. This change does not affect those aged 12-17 in clinically at risk groups. These individuals should still take up their vaccine offer if they are 4 weeks post a positive test and continue to receive their second dose eight weeks after the first. This is because their individual risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19 is higher and so outweighs any benefit of delaying to 12 weeks.

If your child had to miss their vaccine when the immunisation team visited the school, there are still opportunities to catch up at a drop-in clinic at several GP-led Primary Care Network vaccination sites. Dates are listed [here](#) and will be added to as more clinics are scheduled.

Children attending these vaccination sites must be accompanied by parents or guardians to be vaccinated outside of school and consent will be sought on the day. Parents and young people are being asked to read the patient information in advance of arriving for their appointment which can be found at: [\[bit.ly/12-15dropin\]](https://bit.ly/12-15dropin)

More information about the children's vaccination programme, including links to FAQs, can be found on the [Gloucestershire NHS COVID portal.](#)

Sporting success

I am delighted to announce that Isabelle Hopkinson in year 9 won her annual club fencing competition recently. Isabelle won the trophy for U14 foil. For the 4th year in a row Isabelle has won the year-long competition which combines results from a tournament each month to determine the winner over the year. We would like to congratulate her on her superb effort and commitment to this sport!

Safety during dark winter nights

I would ask that parents and carers make sure that children can be seen at this time of year, especially on the way to and from school – journeys that they may make in the dark or twilight. The most common time for child pedestrians to be involved in a road accident is mornings or afternoons on weekdays in the winter. We recommend that children wear or carry something to make them more visible. As a rule, this should be something bright or fluorescent during the day and something reflective at dusk and in the dark (fluorescent clothing is not so visible in the dark) - "be bright be seen".

Y11 COPE Students

Congratulations to our Y11 Cope Students who were involved in planning, preparing and serving food and refreshments last week for the COPE Tea Party. Amazing work.



Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to all those families that have contributed to our Shoebox appeal this year.



Christmas Lunch Day- Monday 13th December 2021

Dinner must be pre-ordered by Thursday 9th December but please see attached poster for more information.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Many thanks to those families that attended the online Yr 8 Parents' Evening this week. Please can you take a few moments to complete the feedback survey noted on last night's MILK messages.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized, cursive representation of the name Rhys Phillips.

Rhys Phillips
Acting Principal