

# Plympton Academy

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Dear parent/carers

## Ref: Covid-19 vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

Whilst there have been reports in the press that agreement has been reached within government that the vaccination programme will be extended to 12-15 year olds, we are yet to see what the precise role there will be for the Academy in this process. We are aware of the anxiety surrounding this programme.

In the Plymouth Local Authority, it has been agreed that the School Immunisation Team will deliver the collection of consent and the vaccinations, and they are known to have a good track record providing school-based vaccination programmes safely and effectively.

We are aware of the concerns regarding self-consent nationally and would like to reassure parents that the team from Virgin Care Services will not be vaccinating children without a positive consent form being completed by parent/carers. If there are discrepancies, the team will call the parents to clarify. Please do not contact the Academy regarding consent, the staff here are not involved in gaining or recording consent.

Consent will be gained through Virgin via e-consent in the usual way for all their vaccination programmes and the team will be sending further communication to you in the near future.

I hope this helps to provide some further information on this issue.

**Ms L Boorman**  
Principal