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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID UPDATE

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

I am writing to share some important information about the COVID-19 situation, which the Government has asked us to share with you. Safety remains our top priority and COVID-19 risk management is still very much at the forefront of our minds. Our risk assessment, detailing our safety measures, remains unchanged and you can find it on our website.

South Dartmoor and Atrium will continue to send home COVID-19 Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing kits and we ask that your child continue testing twice a week, at home, three to five days apart. Please encourage them to do so. If anyone tests positive you should follow NHS Test and Trace guidance and [order a confirmatory PCR test](#) which should be taken within two days of the positive LFD test. If the PCR test is negative, the student will return to school. We would ask parents/carers to use the contact details below to inform us of a **positive** LFD and/or PCR test result.

covidlft@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk

If the result of the LFD test is **unclear (void)** you should do another test. A negative result does not guarantee that you are not carrying the virus so you should continue to follow social distancing and other measures to reduce transmission, such as regularly washing your hands and observing social distancing. If you or anyone in your household gets symptoms of the virus you should follow [national guidelines](#) on self-isolation and testing.

COVID Vaccination update

We have received the following information below from a professional education body.

“COVID Vaccination centres for 12 to 15-year-olds

Chief executive of NHS England Amanda Pritchard told the health select committee that 12 to 15-year-olds can now book a Covid-19 vaccination through the NHS booking service. The service has previously only been open to over-16s. This will supplement the school-based vaccination programme and increase the speed at which this age group can get vaccinated.

Clarification is being sought as to how long the service will remain available, and what this means for how the school-based programme will operate.”

If you wish to book an appointment, please use the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/book-or-manage-a-1st-or-2nd-dose-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination/>

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Please note that we have been given a revised date of Wednesday 17 November for vaccinations to happen in school for those students whose parents consent. More details will follow shortly and we will forward all information from the NHS vaccination team. To confirm, the school will purely be hosting the NHS team; we will not be responsible for any administration or administering of vaccinations.

Thank you for your continued support.



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