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Dear Parents and Carers

There has been a vibrant, purposeful atmosphere at St Wilfrid's throughout this Autumn term and it has been a delight to witness our resourceful, resilient students demonstrating their adaptability and commitment to learning. Students and staff have enjoyed being back in school in much more normal circumstances; the removal of bubbles, full access to specialist teaching rooms and the return of extra-curricular activities have all been very welcome.

We still have a range of measures in place in school to reduce transmission of the virus and I would like to thank our conscientious students for their continued understanding and cooperation with the things that we have asked them to do to help keep themselves, their peers and our staff as safe as possible during this ongoing pandemic. These measures will remain in place following what we hope will be a restful, relaxing and festive Christmas break.

I have previously shared information about our staggered return to school. As a reminder, a link to my letter is here: [January-testing-consent-and-timetable.pdf \(st-wilfrids.org\)](#)

We have received the following information from the local Public Health Team about vaccinations for 12-15 year olds:

We wanted to update you on the next steps of the 12-15 vaccination programme. Young people aged 12-15 will be offered the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine 12 weeks from their first dose. NHS England has confirmed that healthy school-aged children aged 12-15 will be able to receive their second dose in school next term, as well as those who didn't take up the offer of the first vaccine.

The school age immunisation service (SAIS) is currently drafting a plan to visit schools in the Spring term to administer vaccines to all consenting pupils.

Parents and carers can also book first vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the NHS booking system linked here: [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) and second doses will be eligible for children by Monday 20th December 2021.

I hope that you and your families have a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and my best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

D Ritchie

Mrs Ritchie
Acting Head of School

Excellentia per fidem, per scientiam, per adiuvatum

