## RANGE HIGH SCHOOL Challenge • Support • Flourish

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well at this time. It is good to see our students settling back into school in what seems to be more normal routines. Please remember that the wearing of masks remains at everyone's discretion at this time, for both staff and students.

You will no doubt be aware of the ongoing discussions and plans to roll out the Covid vaccine programme for 12-15 year olds across the country. I have had a few communications from parents already expressing their concerns about this initiative and others who have been enquiring as to when this will happen as they are keen to have their child immunised.

I wanted to make everyone in the school community aware that the decision to have the vaccine remains with you as a family. As a school, we are not promoting any decision regarding uptake of the offer one way or the other. The whole process will actually be administered by local Public Health Authorities. My understanding is that they will be forwarding information and seeking permission slips or an electronic form to be completed giving permission before any jabs would be given. As with any public health vaccination programme involving young people, our role will be simply to pass on information to you as families and to provide a venue for the vaccinations to take place once the permissions have been sought.

Should you wish to access further information on anything to do with the vaccination programme, please follow the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-forchildren-and-young-people

I will forward any relevant communications to you as and when they come into school from Public Health England. As always, if you have any questions, please get in touch by emailing <u>admin@range.sefton.sch.uk</u>.

In the meantime, I would be grateful if you would continue to push key messages with your children on good hand sanitising, being sensible about close contacts

where possible and to continue to do twice weekly LFD tests at home preferably on a Wednesday and Sunday.

Just a brief reminder that this Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September is a Staff INSET Day as per our calendar and the students will not be in school. Thank you in advance to all of them who are coming in to support our Open Evening also on Wednesday between 7pm and 9pm.

With best wishes,

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Mr M. McGarry Headteacher