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Dear Parent/Carer

The School Age Immunisation Team have been offering a variety of vaccination sessions in schools, clinics and drive through venues to enable as many young people of Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent to be given their outstanding immunisations as quickly as possible after the lock down period.

The team has been, and is continuing to do, all that is possible to book appointments and vaccinate school age children but the regulations and resulting implications that Covid 19 has brought into place has affected the way we operate and the response from Parents/Carers contacting the team to book appointments, via telephone and email, has at time been overwhelming. Due to high schools remaining closed to whole year groups and social distancing guidelines the service has had to adapt and offer vaccinations under an appointment only basis.

We have not been able to offer all children from the eligible cohorts an appointment at the school sessions due to the longer than normal appointment time required but we have tried our best to accommodate the parents who have contacted us. Please be assured we will be carrying out many extra clinics throughout the summer holiday break in various locations across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent and will continue the vaccination catch up programme throughout the 2020/2021 school year.

We really appreciate your patience and understanding in these unprecedented times.

Kind Regards

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