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Dear Parents and Carers

'Grab your jab' and help to keep Nottinghamshire schools and early years settings safe

We're making a fresh call for all eligible adults in Nottinghamshire to get vaccinated against Covid-19.

We want everyone to have the protection offered by the vaccine to reduce the spread of the virus – and to help Nottinghamshire's continued unlocking of Covid-19 restrictions.

The more people who take up the offer of a vaccine, the greater the protection afforded to all local communities, our schools and early years settings. Like you, we want to move towards 21 June when all remaining social restrictions might be lifted by the Government. We don't want to return to lockdown.

Currently, everyone over the age of 30 can get the vaccine – to book your appointment, visit <u>www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine</u> or call 119. We want everyone to have the vaccine.

We understand that there may be valid reasons for people to be a little unsure or hesitant about having the jab. If you haven't yet taken up the opportunity to be vaccinated, you haven't missed your opportunity; anyone can change their mind. The NHS currently has a good supply of the vaccine for everyone who is eligible.

People might also be concerned about the Covid-19 variant that originated in India. Latest research shows the vaccine is still effective against this variant.

If you have questions, the <u>local NHS has a webpage</u> with lots of frequently asked questions and links to information in other languages, videos and other sources of information.

It is important families continue to follow national guidance and when not showing any symptoms conduct twice weekly testing using free, rapid COVID tests. This identifies those unseen cases that can still spread the infection. Please visit <u>Asymptomatic Community Testing for people without</u> <u>Covid-19 symptoms | Nottinghamshire County Council</u> for more information.

Anyone who has symptoms of Covid-19 should get a test as soon as possible and anyone who tests positive must stay at home and follow <u>self-isolation guidance</u>.

Let's all work together to keep each other safe and protected so that we can move forward out of this pandemic.

Yours faithfully

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