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School Vaccination Order

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

As you may be aware, the Government has announced a nationwide vaccination mandate for the education workforce - 'the Vaccination Order'. Under this order, everyone who works for a school, who may have contact with children or students, or will be present at a time when children or students are present, **must have had a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by Monday 15 November and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.**

This includes Principals, teachers, support staff, casual staff, relief teachers, cleaners, contractors and other trades people. It also includes unpaid workers such as parent volunteers and any members of the community who are regularly on site during a time when children and staff are present.

The Vaccination Order requirements not only apply on the school site but also on school trips / camps, at swimming pools and any other Education Outside the Classroom programme.

Please note, parents or caregivers dropping off or picking up children at school do not need to be vaccinated as the Order only applies to workers and volunteers, not people who are visiting the school. The same applies to parents or caregivers attending meetings or events on site, eg. Parent Information Sessions or Learner Conferences. We do, however, still ask that all visitors scan or sign in, wear a mask and physically distance.

If you are a current volunteer or intend to be one, (eg. sports coach, Rooms 1-4 Swimming Programme helper, classroom volunteer, Friday BBQ helper, etc) you will be asked to provide evidence of your vaccination status. All information will be held in line with the Privacy Act 2020.

If you are a current volunteer and are not intending to have your first vaccination by Monday 15 November, unfortunately this Order means that you are unable to continue in that volunteer role effective from Tuesday 16 November.

If you would like more information or have any queries or concerns, please contact me.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards,

Steve Wadsworth
Principal