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By email: minister.zahawi@beis.gov.uk

Dear Minister,

Schools as teacher and community vaccination hubs: ongoing offer

We would like to congratulate you and your team for your exceptional progress in effectively managing a successful vaccine rollout thus far. It is truly an impressive achievement.

You will be aware of our previous offer, as part of a coalition of state and private sector schools, to add capacity into the system and accelerate the vaccination of school staff.

Initially, we were proposing an intensive week during February half-term to vaccinate around a million school staff at 150 of our sites in England, providing both medical facilities and personnel.

We understand the Government's decision that, due to limited vaccine supply and the JCVI's current cohort prioritisation, this will not be taken forward in February. However, we are determined to do all we can to help ensure that schools open as quickly and sustainably as possible – including through offering the additional security and stability that mass teacher vaccination will provide to both teachers and children across the country. We would also like to help your vaccination programme in other ways that may be needed.

Therefore, we wanted to contact you in order to reiterate our offer for our sites to be used as community vaccination hubs, ideally as centres for vaccinating teachers as and when they are deemed to be a priority group. We could implement our proposal at any time, including in the second half of term or later, including the Easter holidays.

Some of our schools have already offered their schools as general vaccination hubs and they would remain willing to consider helping with other groups.

We would be delighted to work with you and your team to develop this offer to meet the specific needs of the Government and the NHS.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any more information.

Yours sincerely,



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