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Deputy Joe Flaherty  
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**PQ Question 11247/21: To ask the Minister for Health if those students who have not yet received their second dose of Covid 19 vaccine (further clarified as HPV vaccine) due to school closures in March 2020 and were unable to attend the Summer catch-up clinics will be prioritised when vaccinations resume.**

Dear Deputy Flaherty,

The above PQ has been forwarded to my Department for direct response to you on same.

We are trying to manage both the pre-existing programme and the COVID vaccination programme. The existing programme in the schools had ceased as the schools were closed. That has allowed us to concentrate on the COVID programme. However with the re-opening of schools we will aim to start up the schools programme and continue into the Summer. This will allow for a catch-up both in the schools and the Summer holidays.

I trust this clarification will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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