

Information on COVID-19 vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

In September 2021, the four UK Chief Medical Officers announced that all healthy 12-15 year olds would be offered a first dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine as part of the national vaccination programme.

Vaccinations will be delivered at the school by Manchester Local Care Organisation (MLCO) via their NHS School Health Immunisation Service. This is the service that delivers a range of other vaccinations in the school. They will be supported by the wider School Health Services and other NHS staff.

The team are planning to visit the school again on Thursday 10th February 2022. You will receive a link to the [E-consent form](#) for your child to receive the vaccination. It is important that this form is completed promptly to ensure your child can be vaccinated at the session. It needs to be returned *at least one week* before the session.

The NHS is encouraging parents and carers to have a discussion with children as soon as possible about the vaccination so an informed decision can be made. There are a range of national leaflets available that explain more about the vaccine, the benefits and side effects.

- **There is a useful guide for parents and young people available here that talks in detail about the vaccination and consent -**
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1020602/PHE_12073_COVID-19_parents_leaflet.pdf

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us and the NHS team deliver the vaccination in the school.

National booking service opening for booking 12-15 year old COVID-19 vaccinations outside of school

The Government has announced that parents of 12-15 year olds can book a COVID-19 vaccination for their child directly through the COVID-19 vaccination **national booking service**.

This allows you to book your child's COVID-19 vaccination at one of mass vaccination centres such as the Whalley Range Tennis and Cricket Club, and the Etihad Campus sites in Manchester. This offer is also likely to extend to a number of other local community based vaccination sites (such as community pharmacies and other centres). Walk-in vaccination opportunities are also available at these sites.

This offer is in **addition** to the in-school COVID-19 vaccination programme that is being delivered by the NHS School Health Service immunisation teams that will be visiting the school on 10th February. It is designed to give you more options for accessing the vaccination if you want your child to be vaccinated.

If you prefer to wait for the in-school session you do not need to book using the national service: you will be contacted to give your consent in advance of the in-school session.

Importantly, it also provides an ongoing option for booking a vaccination if your child *misses* their vaccination if they are absent from school on the day the immunisation team visits.

How to book using the national booking service

Booking for 12-15 year olds is open on the National Booking Service.

There are two main ways to book using the national booking service:

To book online:

- Visit www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination

To book on the phone:

- If you cannot book your appointment online, phone **119** free of charge, 7am to 11pm, 7 days a week. You can ask someone else to do this for you. Please let us know if you need an interpreter.
- You can use text phone **18001 119** or the NHS British Sign Language interpreter service at www.interpreternow.co.uk/nhs119

Thank you.