



Berkshire School Aged Immunisation Team

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Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID-19 vaccination *out of school offer* – Important information, please read below

The School-Aged Immunisation team (SAI) will be visiting your child's school from the week commencing the 1st November 2021 (after October half term) to offer a single dose of COVID-19 to all students in years 8-11.

We have received national notification that all parents of eligible children (aged 12-15) will receive an *out of school offer* letter over the next week. This means that all un-vaccinated children and young people (aged 12-15) should be able to access a COVID-19 vaccine via the National Booking System (NBS) – this offer will vary dependant on where you live. You can choose to wait for their school session, where your child will be able to receive their COVID-19 vaccine or, you can book an 'out of school' clinic to arrange for vaccination sooner (subject to availability).

Our main priority as the lead provider is to ensure all eligible children and young people receive their COVID-19 vaccine safely. Therefore, if you have already completed an electronic consent form for your child to receive their COVID-19 vaccine in school but opt to access this vaccination sooner via the 'out of school' offer **you MUST notify us that your child has been vaccinated elsewhere to ensure their records are updated and they are not vaccinated twice**. It is also important that your child can understand what vaccine they have received and can articulate this to the nursing staff on the day of their planned session. If, you feel they will be unable to do this please provide them with a signed note to hand to the nursing team on the day of their planned session.

To summarise:

- All eligible children can access their COVID-19 vaccine via their planned school session or in an 'out of school setting'. The 2nd option should be bookable via the national booking system over the next week.
- You MUST notify the SAI team if your child has been vaccinated elsewhere by emailing consentschoolimms@berkshire.nhs.uk with your child's full name, DOB and school at least 48 hours in advance of their planned session (***if their session falls on a Monday you must ensure this reaches us by 9am the Friday before or alternatively send in a hand written note with your child on the Monday***).

Kind Regards,
Berkshire School-aged Immunisation Team