

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

Dear Families,

**Re: Vaccination opportunities and return to school**

Happy new year to all of our families. I hope that the current situation did not cause too much disruption to your plans for the Christmas break.

In the following letter you will find details of vaccination opportunities and centres for those students who are over the age of 12. In terms of our return to school plan in the light of the newest guidance, nothing has changed. For information about our plan for the staggered start can I refer you to my letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

As we head into a new term can I also remind families about our expectations around uniform and appearance. Students should all wear the correct uniform as highlighted in the planner and on our website, including the correct footwear. Hoodies are not permitted on the school site.

It is also the responsibility of the student to bring a mask to school. We appreciate that from time to time these may break, and we keep a stock of these in the small school offices should this be the case. However, a small number of students constantly arrive to school without one. This is not only going against government guidelines and putting health at risk, but also wastes an incredible amount of time within the school offices which could be better served supporting the welfare of our students.

**Vaccination opportunities**

Recently, the government has announced that children aged 12-15 can now get their second COVID-19 vaccine dose if it's been more than 12 weeks since their first vaccine dose. Walk-ins and booked appointments are now available for 12-15 year olds.

The Health Protection Hub are encouraging this age group to get their second dose as soon as they are eligible at either a walk-in clinic or by booking an appointment online. Whilst arrangements will be made with schools to offer vaccinations in the new term, these are not yet confirmed and will be subject to the availability of health teams. The quickest way to get a second dose is to book an appointment now if it has been 12 weeks since their first dose. If your child has recently tested positive for COVID-19 they need to wait 12 weeks before they can have a COVID-19 vaccine. This starts from the date of their positive PCR test.

**Can children book an appointment to get their first dose if they have not yet had it?**

Yes. We know some children missed out on having their first dose during the Autumn Term. Children 12-15 can also get their first dose from either a walk-in clinic or by booking an appointment online. If your child has recently tested positive for COVID-19 they need to wait 12 weeks before they can have a COVID-19 vaccine. This starts from the date of their positive PCR test.



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Please note children and young people who are at greater risk of COVID-19 due to them living with serious health conditions are eligible to two doses of vaccine 8 weeks apart – you can find out more about this from your GP or specialist.

### **How and where can they get their first or second dose?**

[Book online for an appointment](#) at a vaccination centre or pharmacy or [Find a walk-in vaccination site](#)

### **Local clinics coming up**

Children aged 12 and over can attend one of the below clinics in Telford and Wrekin:

- Southwater Library, St Quentin Gate, Telford TF3 4JG on:
  - Thursday 6 January, 5.30pm-9.30pm
- Telford and Wrekin Interfaith Council Building, Wellington TF1 1LU on:
  - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January, Time to be confirmed.

[New clinics are being added](#), so please check back if you are looking for another day or time.

### **Which COVID-19 vaccine will children get?**

Children will be given the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine for both doses.

### **More information**

For more information on COVID-19 vaccinations for children aged 12 to 15, please visit [NHS online](#).

Yours sincerely,



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