

Dear Parent,

We're writing to you with regards to COVID-19 vaccinations for your child. If your child has already received the COVID-19 vaccination, either at school or at a vaccination centre, you do not need to take any further action, so please disregard this email.

We held a clinic at St John's CE middle School on 05-Nov-21—but if your child was unable to attend this clinic, there are still many other opportunities to get your child vaccinated against COVID-19.

### **Why should I get my child vaccinated?**

COVID-19 is usually mild in most children, but it can make some children unwell. 1 dose of a COVID-19 vaccine gives good protection against your child getting seriously ill. Vaccinating children can also help stop the spread of COVID-19 to other people, including within schools.

### **Is the vaccine safe for children?**

Yes. Millions of children around the world have had a COVID-19 vaccine. The independent Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has confirmed the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine is safe and effective for children aged 12 to 15, following an extensive review of the safety, quality and effectiveness of the vaccine in this age group. The vaccine continues to be closely monitored to make sure it is safe and effective.

### **Where can I get my child vaccinated?**

We are holding walk-in clinics for 12-15 year-olds at our sites at [St Peter's Baptist Church](#), the [Three Counties Showground](#), and the [Artrix](#), with times published each week. These clinics are designed to take place around after-school pick-up to support parents, and our vaccinators are the same experienced staff who are visiting schools across the county—so parents can rest assured that their children will be vaccinated in a safe, supportive environment.

You can find the latest walk-in clinic times at our website [here](#).

You can also book your appointment in advance outside of these clinic times by using the NHS national booking system, or by calling 119. [Click here](#) to book your appointment online.

Some vaccinations are also being offered within GP practices locally—so you may be contacted by your child's GP offering you the opportunity to book an appointment at your local surgery.

### **These options don't work for me—is there any other way?**

We want to support parents to get their children vaccinated however we can—so if the above options don't work for you, [please complete this form](#) and a member of our team will be in touch to advise on how you can secure a COVID-19 vaccination for your child.

### **I've still got questions—where can I find more information?**

There are a range of resources available to support parents and children in getting their COVID-19 vaccinations. Here are a few links to some guides you may find helpful:

- [Guidance for parents on the vaccination programme for children and young people](#)
- [Guidance for young people aged 12-17](#)
- [Guidance for at-risk children and young people aged 12-15 \(simple text\)](#)

Alternatively, you can contact us for more information on any aspect of vaccinations for children and young people—so if your questions aren't answered here, please feel free to [complete this form](#), and a member of our team will be in touch.

Thank you for your continued support as we rollout vaccines to children and adults in Worcestershire.