



“Be Inspired & Achieve Together”

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Dear Parents/Carers

The information below has come to us directly from the Department for Education today and we want to bring it to your attention now as it relates to both adults and children:

The new Omicron COVID-19 variant is spreading fast. Anyone who is unvaccinated or who hasn't had their booster is at even greater risk from COVID-19 and more serious illness. Vaccines are the best way we can protect ourselves and help keep children and young people in face-to-face education.

People aged 18 years and over, and those aged 16 years and over who are at risk will be offered a booster dose of coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine. We encourage everyone to take up the booster dose.

You can pre-book your booster dose online if it's been 2 months (61 days) since you had your 2nd dose and you are:

- *aged 30 and over*
- *aged 16 and over with a health condition that puts you at high risk from COVID-19*
- *a frontline health or social care worker*

You will be offered appointment dates from 3 months after the date of your 2nd dose.

***16 and 17** year olds can get two doses of the COVID vaccine. They can book an appointment through the national booking service and walk in centres are available.*

*The Health and Social Care Secretary announced on Monday 29 November that **young people aged 12 to 15** in England will be offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, following advice from JCVI. Parents of **children aged 12-15** that have not yet had their first vaccine can **book their child's first vaccination slot over the winter break** via the [national booking system](#).*

As we are soon to break up for the winter holidays we encourage parents and carers book vaccinations over the winter break. In some cases, parents/carers will be able to get their booster at the same time as their child getting their first vaccine.

Information on vaccination for 12 to 15 year olds can be found in the [COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 12 to 15 guidance](#).

[Further information on the coronavirus booster vaccination](#) and booking a vaccination can be found on [NHS.UK](#).

An information leaflet on [what to expect after vaccination](#) is available to download or order.

Kind regards

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Principal