

The content of today's email is relevant for schools and colleges.

COVID-19 vaccination for further education students

This week, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) [has advised](#) that some under-18s can receive the COVID-19 vaccine and the government has accepted that advice.

The JCVI has advised that children at increased risk of serious COVID-19 disease are offered the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. That includes children aged 12 to 15 with severe neurodisabilities, Down's syndrome, immunosuppression and multiple or severe learning disabilities. The JCVI also recommends that children and young people aged 12 to 17 who live with an immunosuppressed person should be offered the vaccine. This is to indirectly protect their immunosuppressed household contacts, who are at higher risk of serious disease from COVID-19 and may not generate a full immune response to vaccination.

Under existing advice, young people aged 16 to 17 with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious COVID-19 should have already been offered vaccination. Young people aged 16 to 17 years, who are employed in, studying or in training for health and social care work will also continue to be eligible for vaccination.

JCVI have also recommended an ongoing offer of vaccination to those about to turn 18 years old, so that those within 3 months of their 18th birthday are eligible for vaccination.

The JCVI is not currently advising routine vaccination of children outside of these groups, but it will keep its advice under review as more safety and effectiveness information become available on the use of COVID-19 vaccines in children and young people.

Further information can be found in the:

- [JCVI statement on COVID-19 vaccination of children and young people aged 12 to 17 years](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination first phase priority groups](#)
- [COVID-19 green book](#)

Travel is different: information for schools on foreign travel during COVID-19

As schools finish for the summer holidays, you may wish to remind parents of the following foreign travel advice:

- to understand the risks in a country, including the latest COVID-19 restrictions (including for entry), follow the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) Travel Advice.
- to prevent new COVID-19 variants from entering the UK, you should not travel to [red list countries](#).
- to check what they need to do to [travel abroad and return to England](#), or read travel guidance for [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) or [Northern Ireland](#).

The information below has not changed since our last update

Department for Education COVID-19 helpline

The [Department for Education COVID-19 helpline](#) and the PHE Advice Service (option 1) is available to answer any questions you have about COVID-19 relating to education settings and children's social care.

Department for Education guidance

Our guidance to support education providers, local authorities and parents during the COVID-19 pandemic can be accessed using the links below:

- [Guidance for early years and childcare providers](#)
- [Guidance for schools](#)
- [Guidance for further and higher education providers](#)
- [Guidance for local authority children's services](#)
- [Guidance for special schools and other specialist settings](#)

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