

## Today's email includes:

- information on the announcement that young people aged 12 to 15 are to be offered a COVID-19 vaccine
- a reminder for schools and colleges to complete the educational setting status form

## Young people aged 12 to 15 to be offered a COVID-19 vaccine

The Health and Social Care Secretary has [announced](#) that young people aged 12 to 15 in England will be offered one dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, following advice from the four UK Chief Medical Officers (CMOs).

The main purpose of the COVID-19 childhood vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine and help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population.

Healthy school-aged children aged 12 to 15 will primarily receive their COVID-19 vaccination in their school (with alternative provision for those who are home schooled), in secure services or specialist mental health settings.

Like all school-based vaccination programmes, the vaccine will be administered by healthcare staff with appropriate qualifications who are trained in the vaccination of children and young people.

More information on the COVID-19 vaccine, the vaccination programme and how it will work, as well as answers to some frequently asked questions, will be included in the guidance for schools from Public Health England to be published shortly.

## **Reminder for schools and colleges to complete the educational setting status form**

Schools and colleges are asked to resume completing the [educational setting status form](#) from the start of the autumn term. Please complete the form each day by 2pm.

We are asking you to continue to submit your attendance data daily throughout September, so we can monitor attendance in schools and colleges after the summer break.

We have made some changes to the form to align with the latest guidance for [schools](#) and [colleges](#), however, this does not impact the way that you complete the form. We have updated the questions on COVID-19 related absence and have added a new set of questions about managing COVID-19 in your school or college.

Further information on completing the educational setting status form, including an updated set of attendance sub-codes, can be found in our [guidance](#).

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The information below has not changed since our last update

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## **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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