

Today's email includes:

- 16 and 17 year olds can now use the online booking service for their COVID-19 vaccine
- updates to sector guidance following the September review

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The Department of Health and Social Care announced on Friday 24 September that all 16 and 17 year olds can now book their first COVID-19 vaccination appointment [online](#).

Young people aged 16 and 17 can:

- [book their COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy
- [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) to get vaccinated without needing an appointment

If students cannot book appointments online, they can call 119 free of charge. They can speak to a translator if they need to. Further information can be found on the [NHS website](#).

Please do share this amongst your networks and with your eligible students.

Updates to sector guidance following the September Review

On Tuesday 14 September, the Cabinet Office published the [COVID-19 Response – Autumn and Winter Plan 2021](#). This guidance set out plans for autumn and winter 2021/22 in England.

We have updated our guidance documents to reflect the changes made to the government's response to COVID-19. The following pieces of guidance have been updated to align with the autumn and winter plan:

- [Actions for early years and childcare providers during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance](#)
- [SEND and specialist settings: additional COVID-19 operational guidance](#)
- [Improving school attendance: support for schools and local authorities](#)
- [Public health guidance to support exams for 2021 to 2022](#)
- [Dedicated transport to schools and colleges COVID-19 operational guidance](#)
- [COVID-19: Actions for out-of-school settings](#)
- [Out-of-school settings: COVID-19 guidance for parents and carers](#)
- [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges](#)
- [COVID-19: assessment processes for selective school admissions September 2021](#)
- [Further education COVID-19 operational guidance](#)
- [Test kits for schools and further education providers](#)
- [Higher education COVID-19 operational guidance](#)

- [Quarantine arrangements for unaccompanied minors joining higher education providers in England](#)
- [COVID-19: guidance for children's social care services](#)
- [Test kits for children's homes](#)

Updates to these pieces of guidance include changes to international travel announced by the Department for Transport and the removal of references to Step 4 of the COVID-19 roadmap.

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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