

21st October, 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

Parental update 75: Covid vaccines, and half-term opening

As mentioned in last Friday's *Update*, I am writing to you to give you further details about how your son or daughter can be vaccinated against Covid.

The details are dependent on your child's age.

- The Government has not yet given the go-ahead for 11-year-olds to be vaccinated. If your son is 11, this letter does not apply to you.
- If your son is aged 12 to 15 inclusive, they can get the vaccine through two routes.
 - There is a second opportunity to get the vaccination at school on **Thursday 28th October** (during half-term week). The Vaccinations Team will be onsite **in the Cricket and Sports Centre** at the far end of Church Lane. If you wish to have your son vaccinated then, please (a) give your consent (through [this link](#)), and (b) book an appointment (through [this link](#)). We're using our usual School Cloud online appointment booking system which allows you to choose your own appointment time; once you've booked, you will receive an email confirming your appointments. Appointments can be made from today at 12.00pm and will close on 28th October at 10.00am. You'll need your son's first name, surname and date of birth to log in, and this information must match what we have on our school records.
 - Alternatively, your son can get a vaccination through the national website. Earlier this week, Health Secretary Sajid Javed said: *"To make the most of half-term next week, we will now be opening up the national booking service to all 12 to 15-year-olds to have their Covid vaccinations in existing national vaccination centres, which will offer families more flexibility. [...] I think it is important that anyone who is invited as eligible for a vaccine, including young people, that they do come forward and take up that offer"*. You can book an appointment through the national booking service through [this link](#).
- If your son or daughter is 16 or older, they can book a vaccine through the [national booking service](#).

Whilst I am writing, I also need to advise you that **our school office will be shut for at least Monday and Tuesday of half-term**. This is because we are having some major work done to our water supply pipework, and this will necessitate the water supply to the main school building being turned off on those days. It is possible the work will need to extend later in the week, in which case the school office will remain closed beyond Tuesday 26th. (Our Cricket and Sports Centre building has a separate water supply, which is why the vaccinations are able to take place there).

With my best wishes for a restful half-term,

Yours faithfully

Stephen Brierley
Principal.

22nd October 2021



Liverpool
City Council

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are once again seeing worryingly high levels of COVID infections in Liverpool, with highest numbers in school children. The impact of COVID is a risk to everyone. Rising infections will mean more children becoming ill, needing to isolate from their friends, disruption to learning and more strict measures being re-introduced next term in schools.

We wanted to thank you for your support but also urge you to act now. Help us keep your child safe, in school with their friends next term and reduce the future impact of COVID on their lives by taking a few simple steps now.

No measure is perfect and we are recommending a few carefully selected measures, which we feel will have minimal impact on education and are effective at reducing risk of transmission – but for these to work everyone has to play their part now.

Face coverings are recommended for pupils, staff and parents/carers in communal areas in school from next term, but not in classrooms. We also ask that face coverings are worn at pick up and drop off from school, exemptions apply. As we enter winter, the rising levels of cases means this step has become necessary. When you cannot socially distance indoors or in a crowded place wearing a face covering is the most effective way to reduce your risk of infection or spreading the virus.

Even for young people, vaccination is our first line of defence against COVID. By vaccinating 12 to 15 year olds, we hope to limit transmission of COVID, but this will only happen if enough children in each school and class are vaccinated. Consented vaccinations for this age group are scheduled at schools now and until December – you're school will let you know when.

Even if you haven't been testing before, now is the time to start. It is essential that you and your child still use twice-weekly lateral flow tests and report the results (<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>) and when positive let your school know. Continued regular testing over half term will help reduce the risk of infections when returning to school.

Stay COVID safe. A few additional steps will help reduce your risk of infection, keep washing your hands or using alcohol gel, socialise outdoors and when inside ventilate the room. If you develop COVID symptoms, it is essential to isolate immediately, get a PCR test as soon as possible and let the school know.

We wish you all a COVID safe and enjoyable half term.

Yours Sincerely

Matt Ashton

Director of Public Health

Steve Reddy

Director of Children's Services