

9th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Message from the Department for Education

We have been asked to share with parents/carers the following information from the DFE:

Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the <u>Joint Committee on</u> <u>Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI)</u>.

Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the <u>UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in the Green Book</u>.

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the <u>guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years</u> published by UKHSA. We have published some <u>frequently asked questions</u> on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19.

Following <u>advice</u> from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

Yours sincerely

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