



7th October 2021

Vaccinations for children aged 12 to 15

Dear Parent / Carers,

This autumn, all children aged 12 to 15 are being offered one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, following advice from the UK's four Chief Medical Officers. Vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 with certain underlying medical conditions has already been taking place in Tower Hamlets since early September. At Central foundation Girls' School we are offering the Vaccine on the **19th October 2021**. Please find below more information regarding the Vaccine programme.

Why vaccinate?

Vaccinating 12 to 15 year olds should help to reduce the risk of complications, reduce time out of education, and reduce the spread of Covid-19 within schools. Children will be offered the Pfizer vaccine, which is the vaccine approved for children and young people over 12 years of age. This follows a thorough review of the safety, quality and effectiveness of the vaccine in this age group. Very few healthy children and young people with Covid-19 go on to have severe disease.

Does the Vaccine contain animal products?

The only vaccination that 12 – 15 year olds can have is the Pfizer vaccine. 'The manufacturer states that animal or human cell lines are not used in the manufacturing process of the COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine BNT162b2. 'and therefore the product can be considered Halal.

Where will my child be vaccinated?

The table below indicates where your child is likely to be vaccinated.

Group	Vaccination Location
a. Your child is considered at higher risk due to a medical condition*	So far vaccination for higher risk children have been delivered at a designated health centre in Tower Hamlets. Parents should have been contacted by a healthcare professional. Once vaccination sessions start at schools, it will be possible to vaccinate children who are at higher risk at their school. (See info for group b below)
b. All 12-15 year olds attending school	This will take place in your child's school. At Central foundation we will be offering the Vaccine on the 19th October 2021 and you will be asked to complete an electronic form to give parental consent for your child to be vaccinated. If your child is not in school on the 19th October 2021 or you change your mind later and decide to vaccinate, see info for group c below.





<p>c. 12- to 15-year-olds who are not vaccinated at school. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Those who missed the vaccination session at school for various reasons such as due to being unwell or changed their mind about getting vaccinated• those who are home schooled• those attending alternative educational provision	<p>Vaccination sessions will be delivered at out-of-school clinics. You will be contacted through appropriate established channels. These sessions will also be promoted through a range of channels in the borough to ensure families are aware of it.</p>
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***Which children are in the higher risk group?**

- If they live with someone who is more likely to get infections (for example; someone who has HIV, had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)
- They have one of the below conditions that means they're at high risk from COVID-19
 - A severe problem with the brain or nerves, such as cerebral palsy
 - Down's syndrome
 - Severe or multiple learning disabilities (or they're on the learning disability register)
 - A condition that means they're more likely to get infections (such as some genetic conditions or types of cancer)
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Type 1 diabetes
 - Congenital heart disease
 - Haematological malignancy
 - Covid-19 clinical risk groups; chronic respiratory disease, heart conditions; conditions of the kidney, liver or digestive system, neurological disease, endocrine disorders, immunosuppression, asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen; serious genetic abnormalities

When will the vaccination clinic take place?

Vaccination sessions at Central Foundation Girls' School will be taking place on the **19th October 2021**. The out-of-school clinics (point c in the table above) will be held once the delivery in school is complete which is likely to be towards the end of the 12-15 vaccination programme, however if this changes we will let you know.

Where can I find more information?

- Tower hamlets are hosting a series of webinars to give parents the opportunity to hear the latest updates and ask questions about the vaccination programme. [Find out how to join.](#)
- [Information and FAQs for schools, parents, guardians, carers and young people on 12-15 vaccination](#)

Includes frequently asked questions about issues such as consent and side effects.



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- [Children's Covid-19 vaccination leaflets](#)

Including the 'What to expect after your Covid-19 vaccination' leaflet for children aged 12+.

- [Easy-read children's Covid-19 vaccination leaflet](#)

Easy-read guides providing information on Covid-19 vaccination.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Holland'.

Ms. E Holland
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