

29th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We recently visited your child's school to offer COVID-19 Vaccinations. If your child wasn't vaccinated on this day and you would still like them to receive their COVID vaccination, there are additional opportunities for them to have this, which are detailed below.

- Specific time slots have been opened at some Mass Vaccination sites. Any parent or carer deciding to choose this option must first book a confirmed appointment for their child, before arriving at the allocated vaccination centre. You can find details on how to book, locations of community sessions, plus available time slots at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> or by scanning this QR code:



Extra appointments will be added on a regular basis as they become available.

- If you cannot attend a mass vaccination site, our Immunisation team will notify you (via your school communications channel) of additional opportunities for your child to receive their vaccine in school at a later date.

Additional 'Pop Up' session will be added, details will be published on the EPUT Facebook page and website: <https://eput.nhs.uk/news-events/coronavirus/coronavirus-vaccine/walk-in-clinics-pfizer/>

Please be aware that it is now also recommended that young people under 18 years of age do not have a COVID-19 vaccine within 12 weeks of testing positive for COVID-19 unless they are clinically vulnerable or live with someone who is immunocompromised.

Second dose appointments are also now available for 16 & 17 year olds 12 weeks after their first dose. Please note, this **MUST** be booked through the Mass Vaccination sites (details above). The Immunisation Team do not vaccinate 16 & 17 year olds.

If you have any queries, please contact the relevant Immunisation Team at the contacts below. We ask for your patience if there are delays in getting through, this is due to the high number of enquiries we are currently receiving:

0300 790 0597 – Essex

0300 790 0594 – Bedford, Luton and Milton Keynes

Once again thank you for your patience and understanding while we work to make sure every eligible child receives their COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,