**Funding to support the rollout of the second phase of vaccination for 12-15s Q&A (for publication on GDrive)**

**What is this money for?**
The second phase of the in-school vaccination programme for 12 to 15-year-olds began on Monday 10 January. At this critical point in the vaccine programme it is particularly important that schools and immunisation teams work closely together to maximise effectiveness of the vaccination programme.

Through the first round we learnt a great deal about how to ensure the programme runs as smoothly as possible; thank you to everyone who has supported the process. A key part of that is schools having a single named person as a point of contact for SAIS teams, as set out in the [How to guide](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eRr949ovhjUBa0Asd103An3269H7JsAU/view) last term. With that in mind, we are asking all schools to continue to have a named contact for the second round of vaccinations. To support with this, we are providing all schools with a one-off payment.

While School Aged Immunisation Services (SAIS) and the NHS remain responsible for the delivery of the Children’s aged 12-15 year old second phase programme, £8 million of funding is being made available nationally by NHS England to help support schools to deliver vaccinations to children.

Guidance for schools on the vaccination programme is available on Gov.uk and on the document sharing platform hosted by Department for Education. Conditions of Grant will also be published by the end of January.

**How much will each school get?**
Each school will get a one-off payment of £1000, with an additional uplift for larger schools based on pupil numbers. Funding allocations will be published by the end of January.

**How should schools use this money to support the vaccination programme?**

Schools are asked to utilise the funds to ensure they have a single point of contact to liaise with SAIS and local health teams as well as continuing to work closely with SAIS teams as detailed in guidance for schools. Further detail on how to work with SAIS teams is set out in the [How to guide](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eRr949ovhjUBa0Asd103An3269H7JsAU/view), on the document sharing platform hosted by Department for Education. This advises that schools can help SAIS teams by:

* Nominating someone in school as a link person for the SAIS team and engage early ahead of the visit to help with planning and set up
* Ensuring SAIS teams can access the agreed space before the school day starts, so they can set up;
* Working with the SAIS provider to arrange any dates for follow-up visits which might be required;
* Optimising the time available in which pupils can be vaccinated; and
* Ensuring the consent materials, leaflets and cover letters that will be provided by SAIS teams are sent to parents/guardians/carers as early as possible with a clear deadline for return.

For secondary schools who have no further visits from SAIS teams planned, schools are expected to use this funding to pass on materials about vaccination to pupils and signpost pupils and parents to the closest vaccination sites.

**Will this be a recurring payment for future vaccination programmes?**

This is a one-off payment. At this critical point in the vaccine programme, it is particularly important that schools and immunisation teams work closely together to maximise effectiveness of the vaccination programme.

**When will schools receive the money?**
Schools will begin to receive the money in April 2022. The expectation is that institutions should engage with the funding for the vaccination programme now, aligning with SAIS visits and incurring expenditure as appropriate, in advance of receiving this funding in April 2022.

**Which schools will be eligible for this funding?**

The following institution types will be eligible for this funding:

* + State-funded secondary (not including specialist 16-19 establishments, sixth forms or FE)
	+ State-funded middle deemed schools with 12-15 year old pupils
	+ State-funded special schools (with 12-15 year old pupils)
	+ Independent special schools (with 12-15 year old pupils), pupil referral units (with 12-15 year old pupils)

**How can schools contact their School Age Immunisation Service team if they haven’t already been in touch?**

Almost all schools will now have been contacted by their SAIS provider. In the event that a school does not already have contact details, they will need to contact the regional NHSE office and find which organisation in their area will be delivering the school age immunisation programme, and ask for contact details. NHSE Regional contact details can be found at [NHS England » Regional teams](https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/regional-area-teams/).

**My school doesn’t have an in-school vaccination offer, why am I receiving this money?**
Vaccinating children should help to reduce the need for children to have time off school and should reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 within schools. However, more than 1 million children are yet to receive their first dose. Secondary schools who have no further visits from SAIS teams planned are therefore expected to use this funding to pass on materials about vaccination to pupils and signpost pupils and parents to the closest vaccination sites.

**Will schools be required to report on how they have spent this money?**

No reporting information will be required from schools. Our intention is that schools can use this funding flexibly to create and maintain engagement with SAIS teams.

**The following links contain useful information for schools to use in order to provide parents and pupils with more information on the vaccination programme:**

Covid 19 vaccination information leaflet for parents and schools - UKHSA

[COVID-19 vaccination: resources for schools and parents - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools)Covid 19 vaccination information leaflet for children aged 12-17
[COVID-19 vaccination: resources for children and young people aged 12 to 17 years - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people)Guidance for parents

[COVID-19 vaccination programme for children and young people: guidance for parents (version 3) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people-guidance-for-parents)

DHSC discussion on safety of vaccination

[Department of Health and Social Care on Twitter: "How do we know the #COVID19 vaccine is safe? Sonia from @NHSYouthForum asks @DrNighatArif to explain 👇 Watch the full Q&A ▶️️ https://t.co/4cuNplLB0u https://t.co/tuuoPwvZBc" / Twitter](https://twitter.com/DHSCgovuk/status/1434441175281274890)

[Department of Health and Social Care on Twitter: ""COVID-19 vaccines have to go through the same regulatory processes as any vaccine." Watch public health expert @DrAlexBowmer from @LSHTM explain how we know that the #COVID19 vaccine is safe 👇 Full Q&A here: https://t.co/ZBoRoybmn2 https://t.co/917RWuJmXb" / Twitter](https://twitter.com/DHSCgovuk/status/1405246298320637960)The following link will help in signposting pupils and parents to the closest vaccination sites. Individual centres will list whether they have appointments for 12-15 year olds:
[Find a walk-in coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination site - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/)

To book:

[Book or manage a coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/)