

A message for parents/carers about the COVID-19 vaccine from Buckinghamshire Council's Public Health team

There are lots of questions about the COVID-19 vaccine so we are sharing information about where you can find out more, especially about how safe and effective the current vaccines are.

At the moment the following people can get a COVID-19 vaccine and you should contact your GP to get an appointment if you are in one of the following groups:

- Anyone who is aged 50 and over
- People who work in health and social care
- People who live or work in a care home
- Anyone who is the main carer for someone at high risk from COVID-19
- People with a learning disability
- People with medical conditions meaning they're more at risk from COVID-19

All schools are in close contact with Buckinghamshire Council's Public Health team. The team wants people to be aware of the following facts about the COVID-19 vaccine:

- The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, and offers the best possible protection against COVID-19, which carries significant health risks
- Both vaccines currently in use in the UK have been through rigorous safety checks – the same as all other vaccines and medicines approved for use in the UK
- Adverse reactions to the COVID-19 vaccine are extremely rare. Tens of millions of UK citizens have now had a vaccine dose and there is no evidence to suggest any link to blood clots or any other serious health condition
- The World Health Organisation advocates the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine, as does the European Medicines Agency (EMA), which has said there was 'no indication' the jab causes blood clots
- Sometimes you might see false claims about vaccine safety on social media. Please make sure that any information you read about vaccines is from a reliable source such as the NHS website
- If you need any further reassurance then please read [the latest response from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency](#) (MHRA) which approves all medicines for use in the UK, including the COVID-19 vaccine. You can also read more about the [COVID-19 vaccine on the NHS website.](#)

Please do take up the offer of your vaccine when it's your turn, as the risks presented by COVID-19 are far greater than that of any vaccine.