

LACEYS TOP 5 TIPS

For parents who are in conflict with regard giving the Covid vaccination to their 12-15 year olds.



RESEARCH IS KEY

Do your research. Be informed about the pros and cons on both sides. Share any findings with each other.

COMMUNICATION

Talk to each other and share your reasons and concerns. Be willing to listen to the other parent's point of view. Sometimes it is easier to resolve an issue if both parents feel they are being listened to and understood rather than being stonewalled.



USE A MEDIATOR

If talking directly to each other doesn't work, consider arranging mediation to talk the issue through with a neutral third party who can assist in a more productive discussion.

Laceys Family Mediators can be contacted on 01202 377993.



CHILD INCLUSIVE MEDIATION

There is the option of giving your child an independent voice through Child Inclusive Mediation if they feel torn between you as parents and are telling you both different things.



TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Children aged 12 and above is an age where the court likes to consider the wishes and feelings of the child when making decisions that affect them. Speak to your child – what are their views about it? If they feel strongly, maybe they need to be heard too.



If you cannot agree, and mediation can't help, you would need to consider making an application to the court for a Specific Issue Order. You would be asking a judge to decide and the decision would be taken out of your hands. Lawyers in our Family department can help you to understand the costs implications of this and explain the time frame for court proceedings and the process.

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