Q. Do I need to fill in the reference?
A. We expect all parents / guardians to verify the details in their child’s application. The supporting statement section is optional however it would be helpful if you could include details on any specific circumstances that may have affected your child’s education.

Q. What is the deadline to submit my reference by?
A. The deadline to submit all references is 23.59 on 10 November 2020 for both STEM Potential (Y12 entry) and Pathways to Medicine.

Q. How long does it take to write the reference?
A. About 5-10 minutes.

Q. What information do I need to fill in the reference for my child?
A. To access the reference you will need to know your child’s date of birth. Once you have access you will be asked to:

- Confirm the personal details and contact information your child provided for you
- Confirm your child’s personal details
- Provide information about any learning difficulties or disabilities your child may have (we use this to identify students who we may need to consider suitable adjustments for and is not used to assess an application. There will be an opportunity for students and parents/guardians to discuss any requirements after decisions have been made.)
- Provide information related to our eligibility criteria including; care experience, caring responsibilities, free school meal eligibility, whether you and/or another parent/guardian (where applicable) has attended university and household income.

Following this is the optional supporting statement.

Q. Can I write part of the reference and come back to it later?
A. No, your answers won’t be saved until you hit submit at the end. Please note, your session will time-out after 20minutes of inactivity and you will have to start again. You may prefer to prepare your reference in Word or another word processing software in advance and then copy and paste it across.

Q. How will my child get to/from the programme?
A. You will have to arrange your own travel to our events but we can offer advice on best routes to and from our campus. If travel costs are a barrier to participation on the programme, we may be able to offer financial support to students travelling from outside of London.

Q. Are there any costs associated with the programme?
A. No. But please see the question above about travel.
Q. How will the programme be delivered this year?
A. We will continue to follow the advice of the UK government and Imperial’s guidance with regards to groups of people meeting. At present, we expect to deliver the programme using a mix of online and face to face sessions, with face to face sessions only taking place when it is deemed safe to do so.

Q. Are your staff trained to be working with children?
A. Yes, all staff who work alongside the young people on our courses have a valid enhanced DBS check, and have been vetted to ensure their suitability to work with children.

We also have staff who have been trained in dealing with mental health issues in young people and they are contactable both prior and during the course. If you have any concerns, please get in touch by phone on 07566 950 957/8.

Q. Will my child be safe during the programme?
A. The campus, including accommodation, has 24/7 security staff. A full Health and Safety briefing will be carried out at the start of the course and all of the activities are risk assessed. Activities that take place online will carried out on secure platforms and fully risk assessed.

Q. What provision is there for children with additional needs?
A. All of our programmes are inclusive and we strive to meet all of our student's needs. If your child has any additional needs, we would work closely with you to best support your child. Please contact us if you would like to discuss anything further.

Q. What if my child gets ill during the programme?
A. Most of the staff working on our programmes, and all of the security team, are first aid trained. If your child requires further medical attention, we will contact you.

Q. Can I visit my child during the programme?
A. To maintain the safety and security of all of the young people on our programmes, we do not allow external visitors. We do invite guests of the programme participants in for certain events from time to time and in those instances, you will receive an invite from the programme manager.

Please note, if you have any further questions or need to inform us about your individual circumstances, please contact us on stempotential@imperial.ac.uk