



Children's Immunisation Team
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Dear Parent/Carer,

School Year 2020-2021

Your child's annual nasal flu vaccination is due.

The Children's Immunisation Team will shortly be visiting your child's school to give **Fluenz Nasal Spray** as part of a National programme for all children in school years Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.

We need your consent to give this vaccine to your child.

To provide your consent, ***please do the following as soon as possible:***

- 1. Complete and sign the attached consent form in black ink.**
- 2. Return the consent form to school as soon as possible.**

Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year. For further information about the vaccine please see the attached leaflet or visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Most parents in your local area consent to their child getting vaccinated, to protect their children from illnesses in the future. If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please return the consent form. The vaccine is given via nasal spray in both nostrils – it is quick, painless, and not distressing to young children.

Important Information

Between now and the vaccination, please contact the children's immunisation team on the above numbers if:

- Your child's asthma medication has had to be increased
- Your child has used steroids in past 14 days prior to vaccination date.
- Your child has been unwell or has been wheezy in the three days prior to the vaccination date.

If your child is in a clinical risk group (has a chronic long-term illness such as heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease, neurological disease, asthma, or diabetes), is 9 or under and has never had a flu vaccination before, they will need a second vaccination after 4 weeks with their GP.

Keep your child healthy by getting them vaccinated against the flu. Flu can result in people being very ill for a week or more. Having your child vaccinated will save on sick days, and reduce stressful visits to the hospital. The vaccine will not only protect your child against flu, but will stop it spreading to the rest of your family too

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<http://www.beh-mht.nhs.uk/privacy-notice.htm>

If you have any further questions or queries you can contact the Immunisation Team directly by phone or email, using the contact details at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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