

Immunisation Team – School Nursing

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

This year all children in school years 1, 2 and 3 will be offered the vaccine.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose.

[Click here to find a national Public Health England leaflet](#) explaining the vaccination programme and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

Please print and complete both sides of the consent form which can be seen below (one for each child) and return to the school within two weeks of receipt, to ensure your child receives their vaccination. A date for this immunisation session has been arranged with your school.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please return the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

If you have any queries please contact the school nurse immunisation team on the above number.

Asthma

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, please contact the school nursing immunising team on the above number. It will be necessary to delay vaccination until the wheezing has stopped.

Consent withdrawal

If for any reason you decide to withdraw consent after returning the consent form, please contact the school nursing immunisation team on the above number and also inform your child's school.

Additional information

[Click here for more information about the children's flu vaccine from the national NHS Choices website.](#)

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signatures of Jill Sharpe and Lyn Cowan in cursive script.

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