

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Your child's flu vaccination is due

The Children's Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school on **12th October 2021**

Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccination (Flu Nasal spray)

The Flu vaccination has been part of the childhood immunisation programme for many years, but this year for the first time, **the offer of this vaccination has been extended to all pupils from Year 7 – 11.**

This significant expansion in the programme is part of the Government's wider winter planning to reduce flu levels in the population, and therefore the potential impact on the NHS, when we are likely to see both flu and COVID-19 in circulation.

The vaccine is administered as a nasal spray is completely pain free for your child

More information: -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/999249/PHE_protect_yourself_against_flu_secondary_school_2021.pdf

Flu Consent

We are now offering e-consent. Please access the online consent form at the following link:

<https://www.enfieldhealthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The unique code for the school is **ENF139599**

Please note: The Flu Nasal spray contains porcine gelatine, there is an alternative available. Information on this can be found in the link above.

Vaccination information and consent forms

We would be grateful if you could complete the e-consent forms the vaccination as soon as possible. **If you prefer your child not to be vaccinated, please complete the 'no consent' section** and we will no longer contact you for consent.

Public Health England have a duty to protect the public from disease and this includes providing vaccination services which are fulfilled by NHS England working with Local Authorities and schools. This duty allows schools to share basic contact information with NHS England so they can monitor who has and who has not had a vaccination. **Our nurses may contact you directly to verify.**

Whilst we strongly recommend every child has their vaccinations, we will not do so without the appropriate consent for each.

If you experience any problems accessing the forms, please telephone 0208 702 3499 and the team will be happy to help.

Please note:

If no consent is received and if they can demonstrate that they are able to fully understand what is involved in the decision that they are making, your child may also be given the opportunity to legally consent for themselves to have these immunisations

Similarly, if you consent on behalf of your child and they refuse vaccination, it will not be given.

The information provided on the submitted form will be securely held on the child's electronic health record until they are 25 years old.

The NHS Trust collects personal information to ensure that individuals receive appropriate care and treatment and to meet certain statutory obligations. This information is kept, together with details of the care provided, because it may be needed if you require treatment again. The Trust Privacy Notice provides more information relating to how your information is processed. Please see the following link <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,



CYP Nursing Care Group Manager