

School Age Immunisation Team

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Your child's annual flu vaccination

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu and this year is being offered to all children **in primary school as well as Year 7, 8 & 9 students in secondary school.**

Students in years 10 and 11 may be able to receive the vaccine in a community clinic from January 2023. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year or they won't be protected. Please note, this vaccine does contain **porcine gelatine**.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be found at this link :

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1099637/UKHSA-12388-protect-yourself-against-flu_information-for-those-in-secondary-school.pdf

This includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

We are due to immunise at your child's school on **Friday 2nd December 2022**. year. In order to access the online consent form, please click on the following link

<https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

You will need to enter the unique code for your child's school. The code is **CL138924**

Please submit your form well before our team are due to visit the school to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone the **Hounslow Team** on the number provided above and the team will be happy to help.

While COVID-19 is in circulation, the healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to ensure children are safe when being offered the vaccine.

If you have any queries, please contact your local team on the number provided at the top of the page.

Yours sincerely,



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If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you return this form, please contact the healthcare team.

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.

For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu