Dear Parent/Guardian, wcnt.immunisation@nhs.net

**Your Child’s Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine is now due.**

**Malbank School session date is Wednesday 20th December 2023**

The children's nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective. It's offered every year to children to help protect them against [flu](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/).

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating your child also protects vulnerable family members and friends.

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, types of flu can vary, so it is recommended to have it annually to maximise protection. Since the flu vaccine programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have received the flu nasal spray annually.

**To consent to your child having the nasal spray flu vaccine please complete the E-consent form via the link below, using the code for your child’s school.**

**The code for your school is WC111419**

[**www.wchcimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu**](http://www.wchcimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu)

**Please note access to the online form will close Monday 6th November 2023 at 9am.**

**Please complete this form now to avoid your child missing out on their nasal flu vaccine. The School Aged Immunisations Team will only vaccinate children with a valid E-consent form.**

For more information about the nasal spray flu vaccine please read the online leaflet: [Protecting your child against flu](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1087835/UKHSA-12388-protecting-your-child-against-flu-2022-2023.pdf). This leaflet includes information about the small number of children for whom the nasal spray vaccine is not appropriate for. Further information can also be found on the [NHS website](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu).

**If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you complete the E-consent form, please contact the team on:** **wcnt.immunisation@nhs.net**

Yours sincerely,

**Cheshire East School Age Immunisations Team**