

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Important information regarding children's Nasal Flu Vaccine - FLUENZ

The children's nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective. It's offered every year to children to help protect them against 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 date for your child to receive the Nasal Flu vaccination at their school is: Wednesday 22nd November 2023

If you would like your child to have the Nasal Flu Spray, you **must** complete a E-consent form. The School Aged Immunisations Team will send out the link for you to fill in the E-Consent 2 weeks before the immunisation date at your child's school.

If your child has a serious underlying health condition or is a close contact of a severely immunocompromised household contact of whom close contact is unavoidable, please contact the School Age Immunisation Team to book an early clinic appointment to protect your child against flu.

If you are seeking early vaccination due to immunosuppression, please seek advice from the person's consultant about your child receiving the nasal flu spray as this is a live vaccine with a risk of transmission and may not be a suitable vaccine.

After you have submitted a consent form, please inform the School Aged Immunisation Team if your child has had to increase their asthma medication, has been wheezy in the three days prior to vaccination or has taken steroids in the two weeks prior to vaccination to treat their asthma.

Please contact your School Aged Immunisations Team on: [**wcnt.immunisation@nhs.net**](mailto:wcnt.immunisation@nhs.net)

For more information about the nasal spray flu vaccine please read the online leaflet: [Protecting your child against flu](#). 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](#).

Yours sincerely,

Cheshire East School Age Immunisations Team