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2024 -2025 Flu Vaccination Programme

Dear Parent/Carer

In line with NHS England and UK Health Security Agency requirements, the seasonal flu vaccination programme will be offered to all children in **mainstream** schools from reception to year 11, and in **SEND** schools for year groups reception to year 13.

It is expected that this year flu will be circulating alongside other respiratory viruses and COVID-19. It is therefore important to protect those at risk, prevent ill-health and minimise further impact on the NHS and social care.

The flu programme will be delivered in school on **Monday 23rd September 2024**. The vaccination is free and is available in two forms.



A Nasal Spray which is given as a quick painless spray up the nose. This vaccine is the **most effective** version of the flu vaccination. The nasal spray uses **porcine (pork) gelatine** during the manufacturing process. **Once produced no porcine DNA is detected.**



The alternative vaccination is the **Injectable Flu vaccine**. This vaccine offers **good protection**, but it is not as effective as the nasal spray. If you would prefer your child to have the **porcine free (pork free)** flu vaccination, you can select this vaccine on the consent form.





Please complete the attached forms. **Tick YES to accept or NO to decline this vaccination, sign the form** and return to school. Please only tick **ONE** box.

Please contact the team on 0300 555 5055 option 2 if you have difficulty completing the consent form

Kind Regards

Norfolk Immunisation Team

Useful Links

<p>NHS Flu vaccination information</p>	<p>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/</p>	
<p>NHS vaccination information</p>	<p>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations</p>	
<p>Patient Information Leaflets</p>		
<p>Nasal Flu Vaccine</p> 	<p>https:// www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.3296.pdf</p>	
<p>Injectable Flu Vaccine</p> 	<p>https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.12882.pdf</p>	