

**This letter contains important information about your child's flu vaccination. Please submit the Consent Form promptly.**



Winter Term 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Your child's annual flu vaccination is due**

**Chiltern Edge  
Years 7, 8 & 9 - 03/02/2023**

The annual school-based Flu vaccination programme is now able to be offered to all children in Year 7–Year 9. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and sometimes causes serious complications. Children can catch and spread flu easily so vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable e.g babies and older people. This is particularly important as COVID-19 is still circulating and people at risk of flu are also vulnerable to the complications of COVID-19.

**For most children, the vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose.** In some circumstances it is necessary to administer the vaccine by intramuscular injection, but this is always discussed with parents/carers beforehand. You may also choose for the vaccination to be administered by Intramuscular injection if you object to the nasal vaccination due to it containing Porcine Gelatine. The intramuscular injection, if required, will also be delivered in school on the date above.

#### **How do I provide Consent for my child to receive the vaccine?**

It is important that you first read the information in the Secondary age Flu Leaflet [Child flu vaccine - NHS](#) which include details about the programme and the small number of children who may not be able to have the nasal spray. Due to the checking process' required please follow the steps below at least one full school day before the session to ensure your child is able to be vaccinated at school. Community clinics will be available across the county if your child has not been vaccinated in the school session.

1. **Click** the link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
2. **Enter** the Unique School Code OX146103
3. **Complete** the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are REFUSING the vaccination\*.

\*By providing a valid email address you will receive an automatic email confirming that you have completed the Consent Form and If your child requires vaccination when we have (or have not if unwell/absent etc) vaccinated your child. These emails will be from [noreply@cinnamondigitalapplications.co.uk](mailto:noreply@cinnamondigitalapplications.co.uk) and may go direct to your Junk folder.

Information regarding the Flu Vaccination and Asthma and what to do if you change your mind is available overleaf. Further information is also available at [www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/](http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/) including information about all our vaccination programmes. If you need to contact us, please email [immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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### **Further Information**

**Asthma or other illness** – We may not be able to safely vaccinate your child on the arranged date if your child is asthmatic and in the 3 days (72hrs) before the vaccination session

- they have increased wheezing  
and/or
- have increased the use of their Bronchodilator  
and/or
- they are currently taking or have been prescribed steroid tablets to control their asthma in the two weeks prior to the vaccination session in school

If the above occurs It is **very important** that you provide a written note with your child's name, dob, year group and the updating information to be given to the vaccination team on the day of vaccination. If your child is too young to be able to do this please hand the letter to the school reception and ask that it is given to the vaccination team as they arrive and **mark it as urgent**. Please also call the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 before 08:45 on the day of vaccination.

**Withdrawing Consent** – If you change your mind and no longer wish your child to be vaccinated email [withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk) at least one full school day before the session **and** on the day of the vaccination session provide a **written note** to your child's School Reception for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team. Please state on letter and in email subject heading, your child's school, name, year group and date of birth.