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about your child's flu vaccination.**



Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

**Your child's annual Flu vaccination is due  
CHILTERN EDGE  
20/11/2025 Years 7-11**

The annual school aged Flu vaccination programme this year, is being offered to all children in Years Reception to Year 11. 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 continues to circulate and people at risk of flu are also vulnerable to the complications of COVID-19.

**Whether you wish for your child to have their Flu vaccine or you do not, please complete the form at least one full school day before the session.** After this date you will find the online system will not work. The system will reopen the day after the school session to enable a form to be registered and a community clinic appointment be booked.

**For most children, the Nasal Flu vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose.** In some medical circumstances it is necessary to administer the Flu vaccine by intramuscular injection instead of the nasal spray, but this will always be discussed with parents/carers beforehand.

If you object to the nasal vaccination on the grounds of its contents (e.g. Porcine Gelatine) or if the vaccine is otherwise unsuitable, you may also choose for the vaccination to be administered by intramuscular injection. This injection will also be delivered in school on the date above. You can choose the Injected flu vaccination on the vaccination consent form.

**Asthma** - If your child has asthma, please read the information below within "Further Important Information."

<b>CONSENT FORM LINK</b> Please complete a form even if you are refusing the vaccination	<a href="https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu">https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu</a>
<b>UNIQUE SCHOOL CODE</b> Add when prompted	OX146103
<b>INFORMATION LEAFLET LINKS</b> Translated leaflets are available.	<a href="#">Primary school age leaflet</a> <a href="#">Secondary school age leaflet</a>
<b>FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND OVERLEAF-</b> If you need more help or translation services/translated leaflets, please contact us.	Email <a href="mailto:immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a> Telephone 07920 254400 Website <a href="#">Oxfordshire SAIS - Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust</a>

Yours faithfully,

Rachael Conlan, County Team Lead

## ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<p><b>My Child has Asthma what do I need to tell you about before the vaccination day?</b></p>	<p>We may not be able to safely vaccinate your child on the arranged date if <b>any</b> of the conditions below occur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the 3 days before the vaccination date, your child has been wheezy and/or increased the use of their reliever Inhaler or oral reliever medication</li> <li>• Your child receives Corticosteroid treatment (Oral steroids) in the 3 months before the vaccination date for ANY health condition.</li> <li>• Your child has taken prescribed influenza antiviral treatment in the 2 days before the vaccination date.</li> </ul> <p>If any of the above occurs It is <b>very important</b> 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 <b>mark it as urgent</b>. Please <b>also call</b> the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 before 08:45 on the day of vaccination.</p>
<p><b>There have been changes to my child's health or prescribed medication after I have filled in the consent form?</b></p>	<p>Email us at <a href="mailto:immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a> Providing your child's Name, Date of Birth, School and the information you need us to know. We shall contact you if we have any questions before the vaccination day if we need to.</p>
<p><b>My child needs a second dose of Flu vaccine because they are in a clinical risk group. What do I need to do?</b></p>	<p>Children aged 2 years to less than 9 years <b>who are in a clinical risk group</b> category and who have <b>not received the flu vaccine before</b>, should receive a second dose of Flu vaccine at least 4 weeks after the first dose. Please contact your child's GP if you believe your child requires a second dose.</p>
<p><b>My child is having their flu vaccination by injection. How can I help my child prepare for this?</b></p>	<p>If your child requires an injected Flu vaccination it will be given at the top of their arm. Please ensure your child wears either a short-sleeved school shirt or games top or wears a T-shirt/vest under their school shirt so the shirt can be taken off if necessary. Please also encourage your child to bring a drink and a snack with them.</p>
<p><b>My child has missed the school vaccination session, how to I book a clinic appointment?</b></p>	<p>Community Clinics will be held across the county to enable children who have missed the school session to be vaccinated. Visit our <a href="#">website</a> to book your child's appointment.</p>
<p><b>I do not want my child to have this vaccination, do I need to complete a consent form?</b></p>	<p>Complete the consent form, <b>refusing</b> the vaccination. We shall not contact you again regarding this vaccination until the next academic year when you will be given a further opportunity to provide your consent.</p>
<p><b>I have changed my mind, or my child has had their Flu vaccination at the GP surgery. How do I withdraw consent for these vaccinations after completing the consent form?</b></p>	<p>Follow these steps</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1, Email</b> <a href="mailto:withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a> at least one full school day before the session</li> <li><b>2, Written note on the day of the vaccination session-</b> provide a written note to your child's School Reception for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team.</li> <li><b>3, In both email and letter</b> include your child's school, name, year group and date of birth.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Can my child consent for their own vaccinations?</b></p>	<p>Some young people in secondary school, who understand fully what is involved in a proposed procedure, such as a vaccination, can legally provide their own consent (usually young people in Year 9 and above).</p>
<p><b>My child is not up to date with their Measles Mumps Rubella vaccinations, can you help?</b></p>	<p>If your child has not received two doses of the MMR (Measles Mumps, Rubella) vaccine please contact us to arrange for these to be given.</p>

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<p><b>Where can I find out more information about vaccines and the UK schedule</b></p>	<p><b>Vaccination information</b> <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/</a> <b>The UK vaccination schedule</b> – check your child is up to date. <a href="#">Complete routine immunisation schedule from 1 September 2024 - GOV.UK</a> <b>Vaccine Knowledge project</b> <a href="#">Flu vaccine   Vaccine Knowledge Project</a></p>
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