

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OXLEAS NHS TRUST
REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S NASAL FLU VACCINATION**

September 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of the National Childhood Vaccination schedule, your son/daughter is being offered the nasal flu vaccination. This is being offered routinely to all children in special schools and children in primary and secondary schools in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

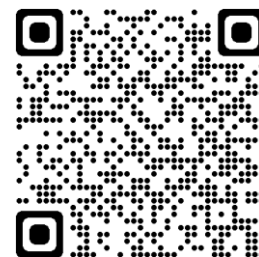
The annual nasal flu vaccination protects your child against flu, which can be an unpleasant illness and in rare cases can sometimes cause serious complications. Also, through herd immunity, vaccinated children are less likely to pass the virus on to others, some of whom may be at great risk from flu. The childhood nasal flu vaccination protects against four different strains of the flu virus.

The vaccination is given once yearly as a simple spray up each nostril, which is painless, very quick and serious side effects are uncommon.

Please use the QR code or follow the link to complete the consent online at:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Oxleas/imms/Oi41/131246>

If you experience difficulties accessing the eConsent system, please email <https://parentsupport.schoolscreener.com/portal/en/home> and they will be able to assist you.



To use the consent form, you will need to enter one of the following details for your child:

- NHS Number or
- Legal surname, their date of birth and postcode

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If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, you must decline using the eConsent form. This will automatically remove your child from the flu programme and we will not contact you further.

The vaccination session will be held at your child's school on Wednesday 12th October 2022.

Please complete the online consent form by midday on Friday 7th October 2022.

If you are not the young person's parent or legal guardian with full parental responsibility, you will need to obtain **formal consent** from their parent or social worker who can legally consent, along with a legal document stating otherwise.

For further information please visit the NHS Choices website on: www.nhs.uk/child-flu.

If your child is wheezy or has had their asthma medication increased after you have returned the consent form, please contact Oxleas Immunisation Team or your child's school before the day of the vaccination session.

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