

This letter contains important information.
Please submit the consent form on line as
soon as possible.



Childhood Flu programme 2021

Autumn 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due
at The Henry Box School on
23rd September 2021 Years 7, 8, 9
6th October 2021 Years 10 & 11**

An annual flu vaccination is now part of the UK childhood vaccination schedule. The vaccine will help to protect your child against flu, which can cause them a very nasty illness. This year helping to protect more children than ever before against flu is particularly important as COVID-19 is still circulating and people at risk of flu are also vulnerable to the complications of COVID -19. Please be aware that the date may be subject to change. Further information is available on our website: www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/school-health-nurses .

For most children the vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. In some circumstances it is more appropriate 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.

Please note: this consent form is for the Flu vaccination only, any correspondence regarding the proposed Covid Vaccination program for 12yrs –15yrs will be sent separately.

CONSENT FORM

PLEASE CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK

<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>

You will need your child's NHS No. to complete the form. This can be found in your Child's Red Book or by ringing your GP Practice.

The unique code for your child's school is **OX138210**

Please submit your form by 5pm, 2 full school days before session to ensure your child receives their vaccination, the link will close on this date.

*The information collected on the consent form will be securely sent to the National Immunisation and Vaccination System, the local NHS Child Health Information Service and to your Doctor/GP Practice. It will also be retained by OHFT. For further information you can read our fair processing policy here: www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/privacy/
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Late consents will not be accepted after this deadline.

If you have any difficulties accessing or completing the Consent Form please call the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400

Important parent/carer information - Please read the leaflet available [here \(Primary school age\)](#) or [here](#) (Secondary school age) which explains the vaccination programme. If you require a hard copy, please contact the Immunisation Team Administrator. It is important that you read this leaflet carefully so that you are fully informed to provide consent for your child to receive the vaccination. Further information regarding the Flu Vaccine is also available at: www.nhs.uk/child-flu .The flu vaccination will be offered to all children under 18yrs in your school and the school nurse team will visit each school once. Children aged less than 9 years, who have never had a seasonal flu vaccination, may require a second dose of the vaccine at least 4 weeks after the first. Please contact your GP to arrange for the second dose to be given or if you are unsure whether your child requires a second dose. Young people aged 18 years and over, are too old to have the nasal flu vaccine, and will be offered the flu vaccine by injection.

Medical Conditions – If your child is at high risk from flu due to one or more medical conditions and can't have the nasal flu vaccine, they should have the flu vaccine by injection. Children in a high-risk group are offered the flu vaccine each year from their GP, and you can choose if you would like your child to be vaccinated in school or by contacting your GP surgery for an appointment.

Asthma- We may not be able to vaccinate your child on the arranged date in school if your child:-

- is unwell on the day of vaccination

or

- if 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

or

- if they have a history of active wheezing in the 3 days prior to the vaccination session and/or have increased the use of their Bronchodilator (reliever inhaler) in the 3 days prior to the vaccination session in school

or

- If they have increased the use of their inhaled steroids since the consent form was completed

It is therefore very important that you inform both your School Health Nurse Assistant on the number below and your school office before 08:45 on the day of vaccination if any of the above apply.

Catch up sessions - If your child is unwell or absent on the day of vaccination, the immunisation team will offer catch up appointments in clinics out of school. If you have submitted a consent form you will receive an email explaining how to book this appointment.

Declining the offer of flu vaccination - If your child has already been vaccinated; booked to have the vaccine at your GP practice or you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete and submit the consent form refusing the vaccination via our consent form. If you would

like to share why you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccine, this will help us plan and improve our service.

Withdrawing Consent – If you wish to withdraw consent please submit another consent form refusing the vaccination at least 2 full school days before the vaccination session. Please ensure you also make further contact as below

1. Ring and speak to the immunisation team on the number below
2. [Inform your school before 08:45 and request that your message is given to the immunisation team coming to your school.](#)

Yours sincerely,



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School Health Nursing

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For non-urgent enquiries. This mailbox is checked weekly.

Email: ImmunisationTeam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

[Further information is also available on our website](#)

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/school-health-nurses/immunisations/flu-immunisations/>