



Dear Headteacher,

We are looking forward to working with you this coming term in order to provide your students with their Fluenz Vaccinations. The Nasal spray and IM will be offered to all students from Reception to Year 6.

The nasal flu vaccine is painless, quick, and side effects are uncommon and generally mild. All pupils in special needs schools are eligible for the influenza immunisation.

Please note this is not the Covid vaccination.

This winter, now that life is back to normal, there is a very high risk that the NHS could be overwhelmed with illness caused by influenza, as we have not been mixing with others as much in the past few winters.

Children who have the flu vaccine are less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family, especially those who may be at greater risk from flu, such as young babies, elderly people or friends and relatives with a serious health condition.

Attached are some frequently asked questions (FAQs) about this vaccine. You can also get more information about it using the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine-questions-and-answers/>

Typical Questions about the day:

What happens if a Parent misses to deadline to submit an online consent? *If a parent misses to closing time for E-Consent, please ask them to call the team on 01462 427008 where we can take consent over the phone*

Arrival: *Please see confirmation email sent to the school from your local team. Usually on the morning sessions, the team look to arrive at 8.30am and an afternoon session at 12.30pm*

What I need to action today: *Send Class list to Vaccination UK ahead of the session (password protected)*

What children need to come down on the day: *VUK will share the copy of the final class list on arrival, so the school know who to send down from each class.*

Equipment needed on the day: *With the introduction of e-consent, we are now able to notify parents that their child has been vaccinated immediately at the point of care. To ensure that parents are notified as soon as their child is vaccinated, we would like to be granted access to your school's Wi-Fi connection. The tablets used by our immunisation team are fully encrypted and locked so only our clinical system can be accessed using our devices. Vaccination UK will only use the Wi-Fi connection for the express purposes of delivering care to your pupils.*

Vaccination UK are grateful for the support that you provide by hosting NHS vaccination sessions. The vaccines will be administered by healthcare staff with appropriate qualifications who will work to nationally set standards. We want to cause minimum disruption and so have provided the below information to help health and education teams work effectively for the benefit of students.

Yours Faithfully,

The School Immunisation Team.



VACCINATION UK AIM TO:

Prior to Session:

- Send out the consent form to schools ahead of the session
- Provide information for parents to make an informed decision
- Arrange time to collect consent forms if you are using paper consent forms. E consent will not need collection
- Vaccination UK will send your school a 'Pupil Status Change form' which will require the school to document any changes made by parents ahead of the day.

PLEASE NOTE STAFF ARE LEGALLY NOT ENTITLED TO SHARE THEIR DBS DOCUMENTS WITH OTHER COMPANIES. VUK REGARD THE RIGHTS TO NOT SHARE THIS INFORMATION HOWEVER CAN CONFIRM EVERY STAFF MEMBER HAS AN UP-TO-DATE ENHANCED DBS FROM VACCINATION UK.

During Session:

- If we are subject to national delivery problems regarding the vaccines, we will notify you as soon as we are aware and work with you to find the next available/suitable date for your school.
- Vaccination UK will arrive at either 8.30AM or 12.30PM on the day depending on what half of the day the session is booked.
- The team will set up immediately in the room allocated to the vaccination team
- The team will collect the Pupil Status change form before the session starts so they can make the necessary changes prior to starting
- Vaccination UK will share the list of pupils who have returned consent on the day of the Vaccination session.
- Vaccination UK will aim to use their mobile phones to contact parents regarding queries however on occasion, we may require to use the office phone depending on the nature of the call.

After the Session:

- Vaccination UK may require a 2nd session to vaccinate those who were missed on the day
- If a 2nd visit is not required, the team will send a letter to the school to send to parents advising them on catch up clinics in the local area.
- A feedback survey will be sent to the school after the session. All feedback will be greatly appreciated for future improvements.



PLEASE COULD THE SCHOOL AIM TO:

Prior to Session:

- Book a suitable room for the vaccination team to work in. Preferably near toilets and provide tables for each staff member attending from the vaccination Team.
- Forward the consent forms to all parents in the eligible school years along with supporting information
- Send Vaccination UK the most up to date Class list password protected.
- Prompt parents as much as possible to return consent forms by the closing date
- Forward any queries from parents to the Vaccination UK team on 01462 427008
- Fill in the Pupil Status change form with any change's parents report to the school office.
- Make sure parents are aware on .the day the vaccination team are attending the school

During Session:

- Return the Pupil status change form to the Vaccination Team so they can action the changes
- Work with the Immunisation team on how the school would like to bring the pupils down to them.
- Please support the team with any missing information from the children on the day

After the Session:

- Work with the team to confirm who is left to vaccinate. Do you require a 2nd session?
- Forward the letter from the team to parents regarding local catch-up sessions
- Help us improve! Please complete the feedback survey to help us improve



Additional information about Fluenz Nasal Flu Immunisation:

Are there any side effects of the vaccine?

Possible side effects are: decreased appetite, headache, a runny or blocked nose, or a mild temperature. These are common, but they pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it. These are more common with the first ever dose of flu vaccine and should reduce with doses in the following years. For treatment of mild side effects, it is fine to take paracetamol according to the manufacturer's directions, or alternatively, ibuprofen can be given provided your child is able to take this.

Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

You should let us know if your child has any of the following:

A **very severe** allergy to eggs, egg proteins, gentamicin or gelatine – it is important for us to know if your child has been admitted to hospital with a condition called anaphylaxis, triggered by these things. Are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past **72 hours with asthma**. There is an alternative flu vaccine that we can talk to you about to ensure that your child is protected as soon as possible. Have a condition that severely weakens their immune system.

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid *close* contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination. This is because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Contact with other healthy children or adults does not need to be limited after having the vaccine.

Can the vaccine strain of flu be spread to others who have not been vaccinated? (Viral shedding)

Unvaccinated contacts are **not at risk** of becoming seriously ill with the weakened flu vaccine virus, either through being in the same room where flu vaccine has been given, or by being in contact with a recently vaccinated pupil. No 'mist' of vaccine virus escapes into the air and therefore, there is no need for any child or staff member to be excluded from school during the period when the vaccine is being offered or in the following days. The tiny number of children who are extremely immunocompromised (for example those who have just had a bone marrow transplant), are already advised not to attend school because of the much higher risk of contact with other infections that spread in schools.

Although vaccinated children do shed vaccine virus for a few days after vaccination, the virus is less able to spread from person to person than the natural infection. The amount of virus shed is normally below that needed to spread infection to others and the virus does not survive for long outside of the body. This is in contrast to natural flu infection, which spreads easily during the flu season. In schools where vaccine is being offered therefore, the overall risk of contact with influenza viruses is massively reduced by having most children vaccinated.

Additional information:

Vaccination UK Privacy Notice:

Who is collecting the data?

Vaccination UK is collecting information about your child to ensure that we have up to date health information about their health at the time that you are consenting for them to receive an immunisation. Their demographic information is used to ensure that we identify their electronic health record accurately.

What data is being collected?

We ask for basic demographic data to allow us to identify them and their health record. The information about their health is utilised by the nurses to ensure that they can confirm that the immunisation is suitable for them.

What is the legal basis for processing the data?

Section 9 (2)(h) of the Data Protection Act 2018 allows for processing of your child's data for the provision of direct healthcare and the management of healthcare systems.

Will the data be shared with any third parties?

Your child's data will be shared with their General Practice (GP) and with the child health information system (CHIS) which holds immunisation and screening information for all children in the UK.

How will the information be used?

We collect data on consent forms to allow us to identify a person's health record if you have consented to their immunisation and to allow the nurses to make decisions about their care based on the most up to date information about their current health.

How long will the data be stored for?

The information will be stored on their electronic health record after their vaccination; this information will be then be available throughout their lifetime. Their paper records will be destroyed once they have been scanned on to their record.

What rights does the data subject have?

Data subjects have the right to request a copy of any data we request or record about them.

How can you contact us with queries or concerns about this privacy notice?

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the information that we hold about your child or have a question regarding this notice, please contact us.