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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's annual flu vaccination is due this Autumn

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect you and your child against flu, which can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Respiratory illnesses are known to circulate during the Autumn and Winter months and this free vaccine will help to avoid your child catching the flu virus and provide them with the best protection to ensure they stay well in these months. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

The intra-nasal flu vaccine is the most effective protection for your child against flu. **However, if in the past you have refused the intra-nasal vaccine due to PORCINE GELATINE content, we are now able to offer an alternative injectable flu vaccine which is porcine-free. Please complete the consent form stating that you would like your child to have the IM flu vaccine.** This can be given in school, but if you would prefer to be with your child, please contact the immunisation team on 01494 323000 or email bht.buckschildimms@nhs.net to arrange a catch clinic appointment at one of our community clinics.

The online consent can be accessed via any online device. Please click on the following link <https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> which will direct you to an online consent form for you to complete.

We are planning to visit your child's school on **Wednesday 22nd November 2023**. Please complete the consent form in full using the following school code: EE136484. **If a consent form is not completed by midday the day before our visit your child may not receive their immunisation at school.**

The vaccination is free and recommended for children and young people. It will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Here is a link to a leaflet explaining the vaccination programme which includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate:

[Protecting your child against flu - Information for parents and carers of preschool and primary school-aged children \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/100000/protecting-your-child-against-flu-information-for-parents-and-carers-of-preschool-and-primary-school-aged-children.pdf)

In the rare event that you do not have access to the internet, please contact the immunisation team who will complete a consent form with you over the phone.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

If after submission you wish to withdraw your consent please contact The Immunisation Team at least 48 hours prior to the session using email bht.bucksimmsconsentwithdrawal@nhs.net

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If you require further information regarding the vaccines we offer please go to our Immunisation website which has full details of our service: <http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/School-nursing/immunisations.htm>

If you have any queries regarding the online consent form or the Flu vaccine please contact the Buckinghamshire Immunisation Team on 01494 323000.

Yours sincerely,

Buckinghamshire Immunisation Team

If your child becomes wheezy, has their asthma medication increased or their medical information changes, after completing the consent form please contact the immunisation team on 01494 323000.

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