

Dear Parent/Guardian,

wcnt.immunisation@nhs.net

Your child's nasal spray flu vaccine is now due.

The children's nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective. It's offered every year to children to help protect them against [flu](#).

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating your child also protects vulnerable family members and friends. This winter there may be a rebound in flu levels, following low levels during the past 2 years because of pandemic restrictions.

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, types of flu can vary, so it is recommended to have it annually to maximise protection. Since the flu vaccine programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have received the flu nasal spray annually.

To consent to your child having the nasal spray flu vaccine please complete the e-consent form via the link below, using the code for your child's school.

[Highfields Academy session date is Thursday 17th November 2022.](#)

www.wchcimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu

The code for your school is **WC143160**

Please note access to the online form will close Friday 30th September 2022.

For more information about the nasal spray flu vaccine please read the online leaflet: [Protecting your child against flu](#). This leaflet includes information about the small number of children for whom the nasal spray vaccine is not appropriate for. Further information can also be found on the [NHS website](#).

If your child has a serious underlying health condition, please contact the School Age Immunisation Team to book an earlier clinic appointment. Or, if your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you complete the e-consent form, please also contact the team on wcnt.immunisation@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,

Cheshire East School Age Immunisations Team