

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is time for your child's yearly flu vaccination, which is offered to all school aged children from Reception upwards.

**Why get your child vaccinated?**

It helps keep your child safe from flu. Flu can be a nasty illness and sometimes causes serious problems such as a chest infection which can develop into pneumonia. It is a quick and simple nose spray and giving your child the flu spray will stop the spread and help keep friends and family safe. Older people and those with illnesses are most at risk if they catch flu from children. The flu vaccination is free for your child. Flu viruses change, so even if they had it last year, they need it again this year.

Visit [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu) for more information.

**How do you let us know you want your child to have the flu vaccination?**

Please fill in one online consent form for each child, **click on the following link:**

<https://www.wakefieldschoolimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The code for your child's school is: **WF140023**

**Please complete the form as soon as you can to ensure your child gets vaccinated. Even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated, please complete the form to let us know. We are due to visit your child's school on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**, access to the link will close 3 days before the session.**

**The nasal spray contains porcine/pork gelatine, is there an alternative?**

Yes, there is a flu injectable vaccine that **DOES NOT** contain pork gelatine (otherwise known as porcine gelatine). To consent to the flu injection, click no to the nasal flu vaccine and you will be contacted by one of the team.

**What if my child is absent?**

If your child is away from school on the day, we will return to school in January for a catch-up session. This vaccine is not offered by your GP unless your child is in an at-risk group.

**If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started steroid tablets for asthma after you return this form or your child has this vaccination anywhere else, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service.**

Call us on **01924 310133** if you have any problems or questions. The team will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

School Aged Immunisation Service

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