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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's annual flu vaccination is due this Autumn

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Friday 4th October at Elmhurst School

This year's annual school aged Flu vaccination programme is, being offered to all children in Yr R to Yr 6 inclusive. Flu can be a serious illness that leads to complications like bronchitis, pneumonia, and painful ear infections in children. Respiratory illnesses are known to circulate during the Autumn and Winter months and this free vaccine will help your child to avoid catching the flu virus and provide them with the best protection to ensure they stay well during these months. Children can catch and spread flu easily so vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable e.g babies and older people.

For most children, the vaccination is painless and is given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. In some circumstances it is necessary to administer the vaccine by intramuscular injection, but this is always discussed with parents/carers beforehand. You may also choose the intramuscular injection if you object to the nasal vaccination on the grounds of Porcine Gelatine, or if the vaccine is otherwise unsuitable. If an intramuscular injection, is required, it can be administered in school on the date above. If you would prefer to be with your child, please contact the immunisation team on 01494 323000 or email buc-tr.BucksChildImms@nhs.net.

How do I provide Consent for my child to receive the vaccine?

It is important that you first read the information in the Flu Leaflet [Child flu vaccine - NHS](#) which includes details about the programme and the small number of children who may require the intramuscular injection instead. Please click the link below to complete the consent form and submit it as soon as possible and at least one full school day before the session, to ensure your child can be vaccinated at school. Community clinics will be available across the county if your child is not vaccinated at the school session.

1. **Click** the link <https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
2. **Enter** the Unique School Code EE110286
3. **Complete** the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are DECLINING the vaccination.

Information regarding the flu vaccination and asthma and what to do if you change your mind is available below. Further information is also available at <http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/School-nursing/immunisations.htm> including information about all our vaccination programmes.

If you need to contact us, please email buc-tr.BucksChildImms@nhs.net. If you require help to complete the Consent Form, please call the Immunisation Team on 01494 323000 and we will be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely,

Buckinghamshire Immunisation Team

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Further Information

Declining the Vaccination- If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, and you would prefer not to be contacted again by our service this academic year regarding the Flu Vaccine, please complete a consent form selecting NO consent.

Asthma or other illness – We may not be able to safely vaccinate your child on the above date if your child is asthmatic and in the 3 days (72hrs) prior to the school session your child has any of the following;

- They have increased wheezing

and/or

- has increased the use of their blue inhaler

and/or

- they are currently taking or have been prescribed steroid tablets to control their asthma in the two weeks prior to the school session

If your child has any of the above symptoms, it is **very important** that you call the Immunisation Team on 01494 323000 before 08:45 on the day of vaccination. In addition, please send your child to school with a letter on the day of vaccination marked for the attention of The Immunisation Team.

Changing Consent/ or Vaccination given at GP Practice after Consent Form submitted –

If you submit a Consent Form and then change your mind

or

you submit a Consent Form and then your child has their vaccination at the GP Practice before the school session

Please email bht.bucksimmsconsentwithdrawal@nhs.net at least 48 hours before the session.

Translated Flu Leaflet- The Flu leaflet is also available in the following languages:

[English](#), [Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Chinese \(simplified\)](#), [Chinese \(traditional\)](#), [Cantonese](#), [Estonian](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Greek](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hindi](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Panjabi](#), [Pashto](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Romany](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Turkish](#), [Twi](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Urdu](#) and [Yiddish](#).

Links

[Protecting your child against flu - Information for parents and carers of preschool and primary school-aged children \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/611212/protecting-your-child-against-flu-information-for-parents-and-carers-of-preschool-and-primary-school-aged-children.pdf)

<http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/School-nursing/immunisations.htm>

[Home | Vaccine Knowledge Project \(ox.ac.uk\)](https://www.vaccineknowledgeproject.org/)

*By providing a valid email address you will receive an automatic email confirming that you have completed the Consent Form. You will receive a further email following the vaccination session confirming and providing information regarding the vaccination that has been given or providing a reason why we may not have vaccinated your child eg if unwell or absent. These emails will be from school.immunisations@nhs.net and may go direct to your Junk folder.

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