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2022/23 Flu programme

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against the flu virus. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu. There may be an increase in flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

We are due to visit your child's school on **Monday 3rd October 2022**.

The unique code for your child's school is **SH116482** Submit your form by **Wednesday 28th September 2022** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form, telephone **02380 475221** and the team will be happy to help.

Click on the following link to access the online consent form:

<https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>

If you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please submit the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they will not be protected. For the 2022-23 season is being offered to all children in Year R - Year 9. Children with Complex needs in special schools will be offered the vaccine up to the age of 18.

For further information about the vaccination programme and details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu;

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

If your child has asthma and becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you return this form, please contact your local Immunisation Team on the above number.

Yours faithfully,
School-Age Immunisation Team

School Age Immunisation Service



What is our role?

The School Age Immunisation Service offers vaccinations to children and young people (aged 4-16) across all Hampshire schools, including those who are electively home educated.

The Service works in partnership with health professionals, children and their families to provide access to the UK childhood immunisation programme, to ensure they receive their vaccinations when they are due.

Vaccinations offered: 

Flu (Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine-Nasal Spray)
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio (known as Td/IPV)
Human Papillomavirus (known as HPV)
Meningococcal groups A, C, W, Y (known as MenACWY)
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (known as MMR)

Giving consent

For your child to be vaccinated, you must have submitted a consent form.

You will receive information in advance of each vaccination due, including details of how to give consent.

For more information on School Age Immunisations on our [website](#), scan the QR code



The school term vaccination calendar 2022/23

 Annual flu vaccine (nasal spray) Year R to Year 9 (in some special schools, it is offered up until 18 years of age). Eligibility for the flu vaccine is dependent on the annual National Flu programme and may vary each year.

 Teenage vaccines (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and MenACWY) in Year 9.

 HPV vaccine in Year 8 (dose 1) and Year 9 (dose 2).

The service will offer catch up sessions for outstanding vaccinations (including MMR) to all children and young people up to age 16 or the end of Year 11.

School Age Immunisation Service contact details

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01252 335142
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North West (includes Andover, Winchester, Basingstoke):
01962 831111
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ChatHealth is a secure text support service for parents, carers, families and young people in Hampshire. It is run by health visitors and school nurses who can support with questions relating to a wide range of health and wellbeing issues.



Parents/carers of 5-19: Text 07507332417 Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm
11-19 year olds: Text 07507332160 Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm