

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's flu vaccination is now due

This immunisation is recommended to help protect your child against flu.

All children aged two and three years old as of 31 August 2025 are eligible for a free flu vaccination. This year, you have the option to have your child's flu spray administered at school with a staff member present, or you can take your child to your GP practice or local pharmacy.

If you complete a consent form to have your child vaccinated at nursery school but later choose to go to your GP or pharmacy instead, please contact the immunisation team directly as soon as possible. Do not leave messages with the school.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu

Most children are offered a nasal spray vaccine which is a quick and painless spray up the nose. Please answer the questions on the consent form as a small number of children cannot have the nasal spray because of medical conditions or treatments. They can be offered protection through a vaccine injection instead.

The nasal spray vaccine is the preferred vaccine. It contains a very small amount of gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine) as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available.

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 won't be protected.

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

Please complete your child's flu form by scanning the below QR code or visit our website:
<https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/>



You can choose which type of flu immunisation you would like your child to receive

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If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please return the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service and avoid you receiving follow up calls and text reminders. For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Alternatively, if you are completing a paper consent form, please return it to school within three days of receiving it. The team will enter the information you provide onto the system and confidentially dispose of your form at the end of the flu campaign.

Please remember: If, after submitting the form, you take your child to a GP or pharmacist for their flu immunisation or wish to make any changes to the consent, you must contact the immunisation team directly do not leave messages with school.

If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you return this form, please contact the relevant school aged immunisation team.

It is important to ensure your child has received two doses of MMR and their other routine immunisations. This will ensure they are fully protected against vaccine preventable diseases.

Please contact your local team if you require any help, support or have any queries who will be happy to help

Yours faithfully

School Aged Immunisation Services

Additional Information for Childhood Immunisations

To get the best protection for your child, they need to have had two doses of MMR vaccine. For a checklist of the vaccines and the ages at which they should ideally be given visit:

www.nhs.uk/vaccinations



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