

18 September 2024

Dear parent/guardian,

It is time for your child's yearly flu vaccination!

School Years: Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,

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.

Giving your child the flu spray will stop the spread. This will 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.

www.nhs.uk/child-flu has more information and tells you which children need the flu jab instead of the nose spray.

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

Yes, we offer a flu injectable vaccine that **DOES NOT** contain pork gelatine (otherwise known as porcine gelatine). To consent to flu injectable, click no to the nasal flu vaccine and you will be given further options.

We do not give the alternative flu injectable vaccine in primary school sessions. To receive the flu injection for your children in reception to year 6 complete the electronic consent form sent via school, the team will contact you during the campaign which commences late September, alternatively you can contact SPA on 01274 221269 and a member of the team will call you back to arrange a Clinic Appointment.

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:**
www.bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu

The code for your child's school is: **BF140358**



Please fill it in 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 **5 December 2024, access to the link will close 3 days before the session.**

What if my child is absent?

If your child is away from school on the day, please contact us to book a clinic appointment. 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, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service.

If your child has this vaccination anywhere else, let the team know to stop them getting it again.

Call us on **01274 221269** and a member of the team will call you back if you have any problems or questions. The team will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

School Aged Immunisation Service

www.betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk/learning_resource/school-immunisation-team-bradford/

