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**School Aged Immunisation Service**
Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

**Your child's annual Influenza vaccination is due**
**KIRTLINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**
**6th October 2026**

This year, the annual school-aged flu vaccination programme is being offered to all children from Reception to Year 11. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and can sometimes lead to serious complications. Children can catch and spread flu easily, so vaccinating them also helps protect others who may be more vulnerable, such as babies and older people.

**Please complete the consent form at least one full school day before the vaccination session, whether you want your child to have the flu vaccine or not.** After this deadline, the online system will close and you will not be able to submit a form. It will reopen the day after the school session so you can register a form and book a community clinic appointment if needed. Please also complete the form if you are declining the vaccination, as this will stop further reminder messages being sent to you.

**For most children, the Nasal Flu vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose**. In some medical circumstances it is necessary to administer the Flu vaccine by intramuscular injection instead of the nasal spray, but this will always be discussed with parents/carers beforehand.

If you object to the nasal vaccination on the grounds of its contents (e.g. Porcine Gelatine) or if the vaccine is otherwise unsuitable, you may also choose for the vaccination to be administered by intramuscular injection. This injection will also be delivered in school on the date above. You can choose the Injected flu vaccination on the vaccination consent form.

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| **UNIQUE CONSENT FORM LINK** | https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=OX123187<br>Check your school shows in the `School name` box on the consent form |
| **INFORMATION LEAFLET LINKS**<br>Translated leaflets are available on our website at **https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/translation/leaflets/** | **Primary school leaflet**<br>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/68230602c66deec8488f7f93/Protecting_your_child_against_flu_leaflet_primary_school_WEB_FINAL.pdf<br>**Secondary school leaflet**<br>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6824993dffcd6ecfbf1ab88d/Protect_yourself_against_flu__secondary_school_06_WEB_Final.pdf |
| **FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND OVERLEAF-** However If you need more help, including use of a translator to provide informed , please contact us. | Email: immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk<br>Telephone: 07920 254400<br>Website: https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/ |

**Additional needs** - If your child has a Neurodiversity or "This is Me" Passport (a document that explains how they can best be supported with any additional or hidden needs), please ensure they bring it to their vaccination session so the team can support them in the best way possible.

**Asthma -** If your child has asthma, please read the information below within "*Additional Important Information*."

*The information collected on the consent form will be securely sent to NHSE, the NHS Child Health Information Service and to your Doctor/GP Practice. It will also be retained by OHFT. For further information you can read our fair processing policy here:* ***www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/privacy/*** **Use your experiences to help improve out services. To find out more about how, email GetInvolved@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk**
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ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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| **My Child has Asthma what do I need to tell you about before the vaccination day?** | We may not be able to safely vaccinate your child on the arranged date if **any** of the conditions below occur<br>• In the 3 days before the vaccination date, your child has been wheezy and/or increased the use of their reliever Inhaler or oral reliever medication<br>• Your child receives Corticosteroid treatment (Oral steroids) in the 3 months before the vaccination date for ANY health condition.<br>• Your child has taken prescribed influenza antiviral treatment in the 2 days before the vaccination date.<br>**If any of the above occurs**<br>• Please **call** the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 before 08:45 on the day of vaccination<br>**AND**<br>• **Provide a written note** with your child's name, dob, year group and the updating information to be given to the vaccination team on the day of vaccination. If your child is too young to be able to do this, please hand the letter to the school reception and ask that it is given to the vaccination team as they arrive and **mark it as urgent**. |
| **There have been changes to my child's health or prescribed medication after I have filled in the consent form?** | Email us at immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk include your child's Name, Date of Birth, School and the information you need us to know. We shall contact you if we have any questions before the vaccination day if we need to. |
| **Does my child need a second dose of Flu vaccine because they are in a clinical risk group?** | Children aged 2 years to less than 9 years **who are in a clinical risk group** category and who have **not received the flu vaccine before**, should receive a second dose of Flu vaccine at least 4 weeks after the first dose. Please contact your child's GP if you believe your child requires a second dose. |
| **My child is having their flu vaccination by injection. How can I help my child prepare for this?** | If your child requires an injected Flu vaccination it will be given at the top of their arm. Please ensure your child wears either a short-sleeved school shirt or games top or wears a T- shirt/vest under their school shirt so the shirt can be taken off if necessary. Please also encourage your child to bring a drink and a snack with them. |
| **My child has missed the school vaccination session, or does not attend school, how to I book a clinic appointment?** | Community Clinics will be held across the county to enable children who have missed the school session or who do not attend school, to be vaccinated. Visit our website to book your child's appointment.<br>https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/parents/ |
| **I do not want my child to have this vaccination, do I need to complete a consent form?** | Complete the consent form, **refusing** the vaccination. We shall not contact you again regarding this vaccination until the next academic year when you will be given a further opportunity to provide your consent. |
| **I have changed my mind, or my child has had their Flu vaccination at the GP surgery. How do I withdraw consent for these vaccinations after completing the consent form?** | Follow these steps and **include** your child's school, name, year group and date of birth.<br>1. **Email** withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk at least one full school day before the session<br>2. **Provide a written note** to your child's School Reception for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team. |
| **Can my child consent for their own vaccinations?** | Some young people in secondary school, who understand fully what is involved in a proposed procedure, such as a vaccination, can legally provide their own consent (usually young people in Year 9 and above). |
| **Is my child up to date with their vaccinations?** | Please check the childhood vaccination schedule and if your child is missing any vaccinations, please contact us to arrange for these to be given.<br>**Childhood Vaccination Schedule** https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/<br>**Vaccine Knowledge Project** https://vaccineknowledge.ox.ac.uk/flu-vaccine |

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