

Immunisation Team  
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Dear Parent or Carer,

### Childhood Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme

All children in England in school years Reception to Year 7 are eligible for seasonal flu vaccination between the months of October to December.

- The **needle-free** vaccination is given as a nasal spray up each nostril.
- There is **porcine gelatin** in this vaccine
- The vaccine will protect your child and family against the flu which can be an unpleasant illness and can, rarely, cause serious complications.
- Please see the link below and then complete the attached consent form indicating your consent or non-consent.
- **Please return your completed consent form to school**
- **OR via the Freepost address**

**Freepost RUBJ-XRTJ-HSHX, Child Healthcare Immunisation Team, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust, The John Willie Sams Centre, Market Street, Dudley, Cramlington, NE23 7HS**

- There will only be **one opportunity** for your child to be vaccinated in school.
- We will be going into school on a pre-arranged date between October and December.
- If we need to contact you due to any health issues you have raised on the consent we will ring you prior to going into school.
- If your child misses the session in school, **your GP will not** be able to provide the vaccine unless your child is in a clinical risk group. Please contact the immunisation team to arrange a clinic appointment.
- If your child **has the vaccine at the GP, please call us** so we do not give the vaccine again.

A small number of children cannot receive the nasal flu vaccine, in particular children with severe asthma, a severely weakened immune system or a severe egg allergy, resulting in hospital admission, or those currently taking aspirin (on prescription for arthritis). It is very important that the consent form is completed with any details of these conditions.

**\*\*It is also important that you let the immunisation team know if your child has to increase his or her asthma medication after you have returned the consent form\*\***

Those children in clinical risk groups (chronic heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease, neurological disease or diabetes) who do not receive the nasal flu vaccine in school may be referred back to their own GP.

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A nurse will visit Hexham Middle School on Thursday 10 October this term and the vaccine will be available to all pupils in Years 5, 6 and 7. You may have already given consent for your child to receive the vaccine via the postal consent campaign which ran in August. However, if you have not given consent or are uncertain whether you have given consent, then you will need to complete and return the attached consent form to school as soon as possible. If you are unable to print the attached form then hard copies are available from your child's form tutor.

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<https://www.northumbria.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations/>