

Vaccination UK, who are commissioned by the NHS to provide child immunisations within schools, will be attending our school to deliver the Flu Nasal Spray's or IM alternative (porcine free injection) on **Thursday 5th October 2023.**

Vaccination UK are obliged to offer 100% of the eligible school aged population from Reception – Year 11 a flu vaccination. This year, the window of time that we can deliver the flu vaccination programme has been significantly limited. In previous years, we could vaccinate from October until the middle of February. However, this year, NHS England have put a 'hard stop' on the end date for offering the flu vaccine of December 15th, in order to ensure that children are vaccinated by Christmas and the chance of flu circulating in the community is reduced.

It is really important that they receive a consent form back for every child, even if you do NOT wish for your child to receive the immunisation, there is an option to decline. Failure to complete a consent form, may result in our call centre making contact with you to obtain it verbally. Please complete the below link to state whether you wish to consent or decline.

All consent forms need to be completed by Friday 22nd September 2023, the online form will close on Thursday 28th September 2023 and you will not be able to consent after this.

[Vaccination UK Immunisation \(schoolvaccination.uk\)](https://www.schoolvaccination.uk)

If you are typing in the website page rather than clicking on the link, when you get on the website page, you will need to select the 'consent forms' tab and then scroll down to Flu Midlands and click 'Sandwell'. You will then get onto the consent page.

It is important that all consents are completed no later than 1 week prior to the school session, links will not be accessible after this time. Clinics are available for children who miss the immunisation at school, please contact the Vaccination team on **01527 390030** to find out more.

*If you have submitted a consent form but take your child to an alternative location to have the flu immunisation, it is YOUR responsibility to let the Vaccination Team know, please contact them directly and immediately as they **DO NOT** get notified automatically.

If you do have issues with the E-consent link, please contact Vaccination UK on **0121 5921110** or you can request paper consent forms via the below email address.

For any other information, please contact them on **0121 5921110** or via email on **Sandwell@v-uk.co.uk**

Kind Regards

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