

Date: 6th September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due.

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

Please use the link provided to access the electronic consent form

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2024/southwark>

Please complete one consent form for each child to ensure your child receives their vaccination. Our team will visit your school on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024.

You will be offered the live nasal flu spray or the injectable porcine free flu vaccine.

The nasal spray vaccination is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year due to changes in flu strains circulating each year.

The injectable porcine free vaccine is now available in school.

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

Please complete the consent form even if you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu this year. Completion of the consent form is not mandatory if you do not want your child to be vaccinated. However, as providers of the school age vaccinations, NHSE requires that we provide numbers of parents that do not consent to their child being vaccinated. Therefore, we will only use this information to provide numbers of parents declining consent, no other details will be shared. If consent forms are not completed, you may be contacted by phone or text. If you have returned a no consent, we will not make any further contact this year. Please see our privacy notice if you require further details <https://hrch.nhs.uk/privacy>

If you have any queries, please contact the relevant immunisation team below.

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Yours sincerely,

Southwark Immunisation Team