



**Birmingham**  
**Community Healthcare**  
NHS Foundation Trust

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Immunisations Team  
Children & Families Division

Website: <https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-public/children-and-young-people/services-parent-portal/immunisation-services/>

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Nasal Flu vaccination**

**School Name: 103560 - Bishop Challoner Catholic College**

Your child is entitled to have the nasal flu vaccine this year. The School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) offers these vaccines in school,

**About the flu vaccine**

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and may lead to serious complications for some children.

For more information about the nasal flu vaccination please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>

**How to respond**

**It is important to let us know whether you do or do not want your child to have this vaccination by using the link below:**

**Completing the consent form on-line at:**

**<https://www.bchcschoolagevaccs.nhs.uk>**

**Quoting Letter Reference - 103560-1099**

**Access Code - 9018**

If you cannot use the online consent form please call us one of the numbers below.

If you prefer to use a paper form, please request one from school.

If you change your mind after you have sent your consent form, please contact the team:

- Birmingham schools - 0121 466 3410
- Solihull schools – 0121 466 6545

## **Talk to your child about what they want**

We suggest you talk to your child about the vaccinations before you respond to us.

Secondary-aged children may be able to refuse or give consent for this vaccination if you do not tell us of your choice. Those who show [Gillick competence](#) have the right to consent to vaccinations themselves.

It is important you contact the immunisation team if

- Your child has this vaccination anywhere else after you return the form to us.
- If you change your mind after you fill in the form.
- Your child becomes wheezy in the three days before the immunisation is due.
- Your child increases their asthma medication in the two weeks before the immunisation is due.

(Please check with school for the exact date.)

## **Gelatine and Vaccines**

The nasal flu vaccine contains a highly processed form of porcine gelatine. This is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

For children, the nasal vaccine can be more effective than the injected vaccine. It is easier to administer and considered better at reducing the spread of flu to others who may be more vulnerable to the complications of flu.

For those who may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products, an alternative injectable vaccine that does not use gelatine may be available this year. If you would like your child to receive the injectable flu vaccine please book an appointment at a community clinic. The contact numbers are below.

Your child may need the injectable vaccine if they are at high risk from flu due to medical conditions or treatments and cannot have the nasal flu vaccine. In these cases, the injection can be given in the school session.

## **Your Data**

A record of vaccinations given, or not given, will be stored in your child's local electronic health record. This information will be shared with their GP and other NHS bodies.

BCHC's Privacy Notice that explains how we use the data is available on our website:

[\*\*https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patient-privacy-notice-easy-read\*\*](https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patient-privacy-notice-easy-read)

## **Get in touch with us**

Speak to a member of our team by calling 0121 466 3410 for Birmingham schools or 0121 466 6545 for Solihull schools.

or Email - [BCHNT.BirminghamImms@nhs.net](mailto:BCHNT.BirminghamImms@nhs.net)

or Customer Services telephone number freephone 0800 917 2855