



Academic Year 2024/2025

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,

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness in children. Some children can get a very high fever, sometimes they may need to go to hospital for treatment. Serious complications of flu include a painful ear infection, acute bronchitis, and pneumonia.

The flu viruses change every year, so the vaccine is updated. We recommend that your child is vaccinated against flu each year, even if vaccinated last year.

For more information about the nasal flu vaccination please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>

Please let us know as soon as possible if you **DO** or **DO NOT** want your child to have the recommended nasal flu vaccination by:

Completing the consent form on-line at:

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

Quoting Letter Reference - 103560-654

Access Code - 7116

Please complete this consent form as soon as possible after you have received it.

The link will close 3 days before the session in school. This will allow us time to clinically assess all requests for vaccination.

If the link has closed when you try to submit your consent or you need help or advice completing the consent form please contact the SAIS team on the phone number **0121 466 3410**.

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

Secondary-aged children may be able to give consent for this vaccination if you do not tell us of your choice.

It is important you contact the immunisation team if

- Your child receives 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 the school for the exact date.

Immunisation Team - Telephone - 0121 466 3410

Email - BCHNT.BirminghamImms@nhs.net

Or Customer Services - Telephone freephone - 0800 917 2855

A record of the vaccinations given, or not given, will be stored in your child's local electronic 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/about-us/corporate-information/privacy-notices-and-data-protection/patient-privacy-notice/>

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.

The nasal vaccine is offered to children as it 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.

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

For those who may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products, an alternative injectable vaccine may be available this year. If you would like your child to receive the injectable flu vaccine, please book an appointment at one of our community clinics using the contact numbers above.

Yours faithfully

School Aged Immunisation Service
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust