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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION (NASAL SPRAY)**

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals is delivering the school-age immunisation programme to all children from Reception to Year 11 on behalf of NHS England. This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against the flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. The vaccination is free and recommended for children and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. The team will book the date for the session with school, and they should inform you when that is.

**Please inform the School Vaccination Team (Not School) of the following:**

- If your child has steroid tablets prescribed two weeks prior to vaccination.
- If in the few days prior to vaccination your child has been wheezy.
- If consent is received and you take your child to your GP surgery to receive the vaccination. It is your responsibility to contact the school vaccination team to ensure they do not receive the immunisation again.

**New Electronic Process**

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals have enhanced the consent process by transforming a previously paper process into a streamlined electronic form accessible anywhere. Previously receiving consent for a child's vaccine was reliant on school staff handing the paper forms out and getting them home to their parents/guardians, increasing the potential for the form being lost. Now the child's school will email or text the link to the consent form (also unique school code) to the parents/guardians so that they can easily and quickly complete the consent form via mobile device, tablet or computer. This will save parent/carers time and free up school staff time. Once your child has been vaccinated you will also be notified by text ensuring that you are up to date with the child's vaccinations.

**Filling out the Consent Form:**

You will be required to provide your Child's NHS number. Please click the following link if you do not know your child's NHS number: [Link](#)

1. Please click the following link to access the online consent form: [Link](#)
2. Please quote the unique school code. The code for your school is **BP141132**

**Please can we ask that you submit the form within 21 days from receipt of this email to enable the forms to be triaged.**

If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone your local vaccination team **on the number below** and the team will be happy to help.

Area(s)	Contact Number(s)
Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre	01253 951984
Lancaster, Morecambe, Heysham, Carnforth & over Wyre	01524 519430

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be accessed by clicking the following link: [Flu vaccination for children: leaflets and posters](#)

Further information on the vaccination programme can be found on NHS Choices at: [Link](#)

**As in previous years you must opt-in to the programme. If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.**

We are trying to improve how we communicate with patients. Please tell us if you need information in a different format or communication support.

Yours faithfully,

**Blackpool Teaching Hospitals  
School Age Vaccination Team**