

Dear Parents,

The School Aged Immunisation team will shortly be offering the annual nasal flu vaccinations in schools. This year we will be using an online consent form which we hope you'll find easier to use.

Please find the link below.

<https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-portsmouth-flu>

If this does not open, please copy and paste the link above into your search engine.

Once you click START you will then be prompted for the Unique School/LEA session code which is: **116463**

If classes are not appearing for you to select, please select Year Group again.

Once you have opened the form, you will be given an option to have a nasal spray or injection. Please can we ask that you select the nasal spray vaccination **unless** your child is unable to have this due to Medical or Religious reasons. The nasal spray contains porcine gelatine which acts as a stabiliser.

Please also complete the online form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine.

The consent will close midday **25 November 2021** prior to the school session on **01 December 2021**. If you submit consent after this time your child will be unable to be given the immunisation in school but will be offered a community clinic appointment.

If at any time you wish to change your consent, you will be required to inform your child's School before the date of the school flu session.

Please ensure you inform the school and the Solent NHS School Aged Immunisation Team if there are any changes in your child's health within the 10 days before the vaccination date. For example: changes in your child's Asthma such as increased use of inhalers, change of inhalers and active wheezing. If your child has taken a course of oral steroids in the 14 days before the vaccination date it is important that you let us know.

If you have any questions at all, or if you are unable to complete the online consent form, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team on: snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-ports@nhs.net

With best wishes,
School Aged Immunisation Team

FAQ's

- What is a LEA code?
 - **Local Education Authority code identifies the school.**
- What does long term health condition mean?
Examples include: -
 - **Asthma**
 - **Diabetes**
 - **Heart condition**
 - **Arthritis / rheumatological conditions**
 - **Epilepsy**
 - **Cancer**
- What treatment would affect someone's immune system?

Conditions or immunosuppressive therapy such as:-

- **acute and chronic leukaemia's**
 - **lymphoma**
 - **HIV infection not on highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART)**
 - **cellular immune deficiencies**
 - **high dose corticosteroids.**
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- What does anaphylaxis mean?
Severe allergic reaction requiring intensive care admission
 - What does salicylate therapy mean?
Aspirin
 - What is antiviral therapy?
Antiviral drugs act by killing or preventing the growth of viruses such as Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and Zanamivir (Relenza)
 - What is an unrepaired craniofacial malformation?
 - **Cleft palate**
 - **Cleft lip**
 - **Craniosynostosis**
 - What additional needs might affect their vaccination?
 - **Additional learning needs**
 - **Social communication difficulties**
 - **Hearing difficulties**