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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's annual flu vaccination is due this Autumn

Westfield School – 2nd October 2026

This year, children in Years Nursery to 6 are being offered a free flu vaccination in school.

Flu can make children feel very poorly and, for some children, can lead to complications such as chest infections, pneumonia or ear infections.

Flu and other respiratory illnesses are more common during the autumn and winter months. Having the vaccine helps protect your child and supports them to stay well during this time.

Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccination also helps protect others who may be more vulnerable, including babies, older people and those with health conditions.

For most children, the vaccine is given as a quick and simple nasal spray. In some circumstances, the vaccine may need to be given as an injection into the muscle. If this applies to your child, we will always discuss this with you first.

You may also choose the injectable vaccine if you do not want your child to have the nasal spray because it contains porcine gelatine, or if the nasal spray is not suitable for your child.

If your child needs the injectable vaccine, this can be given in school on the vaccination date shown above.

If you would like to be with your child when they receive the injection, please contact the Immunisation Team on 01494 323000 or email buc-tr.BucksChildImms@nhs.net as we provide clinics across the county after school.

How do I provide Consent for my child to receive the vaccine?

Please take a few minutes to read the flu vaccination leaflet Child flu vaccine - NHS. This provides helpful information about the flu vaccine, including why some children may need the injection instead of the nasal spray.

Please use the link below to complete the consent form as soon as possible, and no later than one full school day before the vaccination date.

Completing the form in good time helps us make sure your child can be offered their vaccination in school.

By providing consent for your child to receive the vaccination, you are also consenting to the school sharing the following information with the Immunisation Team for the purpose of administering the vaccination programme: your child's full name, date of birth, home address, year group, and parent/carer contact details, including email address and telephone number.

If your child is unable to have their vaccination in school, they may be able to attend one of our local community clinics instead.

1. **Click** the link https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

2. **Enter** the Unique School Code EE131933

3. **Complete** the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are DECLINING the vaccination.

You can find information about the flu vaccine and asthma, and what to do if you change your mind, below.

More details about all our vaccination programmes are at:
http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/School-nursing/immunisations.htm

If you need to contact us, please email: buc-tr.BucksChildImms@nhs.net

If you need help filling out the consent form, call the Immunisation Team on 01494 323000. We're happy to help!

Yours sincerely,

Buckinghamshire Immunisation Team

Further Information

Declining the Vaccination- If you do not want your child to have the flu vaccine, and don't want us to contact you again about it this school year, please fill out the consent form and choose NO consent.

Asthma or other illness – If your child has asthma and has any of the following in the 3 days (72 hours) before the school vaccination day, we might not be able to safely give the vaccine on that day:

- They have increased wheezing

and/or

- has increased the use of their blue inhaler

and/or

- they are currently taking or have been prescribed steroid tablets to control their asthma in the two weeks prior to the school session

It's very important that if your child has any of these symptoms, please call the Immunisation Team on 01494 323000 before 8:45 am on the vaccination day.

Also, please send a letter with your child to school for the Immunisation Team on that day.

Changing Consent/ or Vaccination given at GP Practice after Consent Form submitted –

If you submit a Consent Form and then change your mind

or

you submit a Consent Form and then your child has their vaccination at the GP Practice before the school session

Please email bht.bucksimmsconsentwithdrawal@nhs.net at least 48 hours before the session.

Translated Flu Leaflet- The Flu leaflet is also available in the following languages:
English, Albanian, Arabic, Bengali, Bulgarian, Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional, Cantonese), Estonian, Farsi, French, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Latvian, Lithuanian, Panjabi, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Romany, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Turkish, Twi, Ukrainian, Urdu and Yiddish.

Links

Protect your child against flu – information for parents and carers of children in primary school or pre-school - GOV.UK

http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/School-nursing/immunisations.htm

Home | Vaccine Knowledge Project (ox.ac.uk)

*By providing a valid email address you will receive an automatic email confirming that you have completed the Consent Form. You will receive a further email following the vaccination session confirming and providing information regarding the vaccination that has been given or providing a reason why we may not have vaccinated your child eg if unwell or absent. These emails will be from school.immunisations@nhs.net and may go direct to your Junk folder.