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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child's annual 2024/2025 LAIV Nasal Influenza Immunisation (Flu Spray) is now due.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
If your child is changing schools in September 2024 and you have already completed a consent form using the link sent to you from their previous school, **we do need a new consent form** to be completed using the below information. We are sorry that we are unable to transfer any previous completed consent forms

All Primary school-aged children, including children in Specialist Schools, in Reception Year to Year 6 (aged 4 to 10 years old on 31st August 2024) will be offered the vaccine. All Secondary school-aged children, including children in Specialist Schools, in Year 7 to Year 11 (aged 11 to 15 years old on 31st August 2024) will be offered the vaccine.

➢ The vaccine will help protect your child against fu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia ➢ Protect you, your family and friends. ➢ Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family	➢ No injection needed. ➢ The nasal spray is painless and easy to have ➢ It's better than having flu. ➢ The nasal spray helps protect against fu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
Click here or by scan this QR code to access the information leaflet for the Live Nasal Flu vaccination	
If you do not wish for your child to receive the live nasal vaccination, they can receive the injectable Inactivated Porcine-free Vaccination – the injectable vaccine is not administered in school. Please contact the Immunisation Team to arrange a Community Clinic appointment on the number below, if this is your preference.	

The team will be visiting St Peter's CofE Primary School on **13th November 2024**

The SAIS Team have been developing an electronic consent (eConsent) that can be completed online, as an alternative to paper consent forms. This is now being rolled out to all schools across our Flu programmes and will make the process of obtaining consent easier and more efficient for parents, the schools & our team. Included in this letter is a link which will take you to an online virtual assistant, rather than receiving a paper consent form for your child's LAIV Nasal Flu vaccination.
We encourage parents to complete the consent form upon receiving this letter to ensure you do not miss the deadline. If you do miss the deadline, please contact the team on the details below.

The link below will close at 9am on 8th November 2024

Once you have read through the information, please complete the electronic consent form: **one for each child at this school.**

Please click here or scan the QR code to complete the eConsent for your child's LAIV Nasal Influenza Vaccination.

How to give consent or decline for your child to get the vaccination
The virtual assistant will ask you for your child's NHS number, if you don't have this you can still complete the form either by using the search option to find your child's NHS number or by inputting their details. Once your child has been identified, the virtual assistant will ask you questions in relation to the vaccine. Your child's details will be sent to the team and your child will be vaccinated in school.

If you **do not wish** for your child to receive this vaccination, please select 'No Consent' on the question that asks which vaccination you are consenting to.

Community clinics will be available for children to access during the school holidays if they do not receive the Flu spray on the day we are in school.
If you have an issue with accessing the site or it appears blank this is likely due to you attempting to access the form whilst connected to the internet or via a device that has security settings that prevent you being able to see the form (for example, a work phone or computer). Please try again whilst using your own phone/computer connected to your internet at home.

Consent process for pupils in year 9 and above:
If we do not receive a parental or carer consent decision for the vaccination, using the above process, we may allow the young person to self-consent to the vaccination on the day. We will only offer this opportunity to young people in year 9 and above, who have read the appropriate vaccination information and who are assessed by a health professional as having enough understanding and competence to fully appreciate what's involved. Only those who are clearly comfortable in receiving the immunisation will have it.
If parents or carers have responded and refused consent, the decision cannot be overruled by a young person and therefore, we will not vaccinate.

If you are unable to complete the form online, or have any questions you wish to discuss with someone from the team, please contact the team on Tel: **01743 730028** or email shropcom.immunisationteam@nhs.net. If you change your mind about your consent decision please call us on the number above to let us know before the team visit the school, or contact the school on the day.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Jones,
SAIS Clinical Lead

How did we do?

The NHS Friends and Family Test (FFT) is a quick and anonymous way to share your feedback after receiving treatment or care from us.



Please scan the QR code or click here to complete our Friends and Family Test