

**School Immunisation Team
3 Station Road
Pill
Bristol
BS20 0AB**

4th September 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer

Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme

This autumn all children from Reception to Year 11 are being offered a flu vaccine as part of the School Vaccination Programme. This letter explains why children are being offered this vaccine and explains how to let us know whether or not you would like your child to be vaccinated.

Children are being offered the vaccinations to protect them from flu, minimise the circulation of the virus this winter and to reduce disruption to their education, and the potential impact on the NHS. The vaccinations will be given by Sirona care & health, who run all the School Immunisation Programmes in our area.

The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray.

Please complete the consent form below, indicating whether you wish your child to have the vaccine. If you don't have access to the internet, you can request a paper copy from your child's school.

Link to the nasal flu consent form:

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

Please complete the form as soon as possible, the consent system will be closed at 9am 2 working days before the session. Your school will tell you the date of the session once it is confirmed.

Please ensure you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccination

If your child is not able to attend school on the day of the Immunisation session they can attend a catch-up clinic at a later date. Your school will send out information about these clinics after the school session.

For more information about the Nasal Flu vaccination programme please see [Flu vaccination for children: leaflets and posters - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-for-children-leaflets-and-posters)

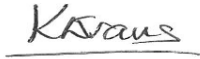
Service provided by:



If your child is unable to accept the nasal flu vaccine due to the porcine gelatine content or due to immunosuppression we are able to offer an IM Flu injection at a community clinic, to book an appointment for this please contact the School Immunisation Team on the details below.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact the School Immunisation Team on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Evans', with a horizontal line underneath.

Karen Evans
Head of Specialist Services for Children and Sirona Integrated Immunisation Services