

September 2021

Influenza (flu) vaccination

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be offering the annual flu vaccine to all students in Reception to Year 11 this autumn and winter as part of the national NHS Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness, and for some it can cause serious complications. The vaccination programme is in place to protect your child against flu. It also helps to protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing its spread.

Important next steps:

1. Please take time to read the Public Health England flu information available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>. If you have any questions, or if you think your child should have the injected vaccine instead of the nasal spray vaccine, please contact us.
2. As the flu vaccine will be delivered to your child in school, we also need you to complete the online consent. Consent can only be given by a parent/guardian/adult with parental responsibility*.
3. If you are unable to complete the electronic consent form, please contact the relevant team for your child's school on the telephone number overleaf.

**The session for Westfield Primary School is on Tuesday 9th November 2021
The online consent form closes at 11am, two working days before the session.**

1. **Click on the following link:** www.BWimmunisations.co.uk
2. **Enter and confirm your preferred email address** – you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.
3. **Enter your school code: BW111240**
4. **Complete and submit the consent form**, indicating your choice of consent - please ensure you provide your child's registered address and GP.

If you do not want your child to have this vaccination, please still complete the online consent form following the steps above indicating that you do not give your consent for the vaccination. The information helps us to plan and deliver the service each year.

* **Parental responsibility consent includes:** Mother; father named on the birth certificate or married to the mother; adult granted parental responsibility by the courts; adult with delegated authority consent (given by the Local Authority when children are on a care order).

When you have returned online consent, please contact the School-aged Immunisation Team if any of the following apply:

- Your child has had their asthma medication increased (including inhalers and/or steroid tablets)
- Your child is wheezy on the day or in the three days prior to the flu vaccination
- Your child receives their flu vaccination elsewhere (such as GP or chemist etc.)
- You change your mind about your child receiving/not receiving the vaccination.

If online consent is not completed and your child wishes to be vaccinated, we will assess your child's ability to give their own consent. This may result in your child being vaccinated. Please note this only applies to children in High School.

On the day of your child's vaccination in school, you will receive an email to confirm the vaccination was administered. Details about your child's vaccination will also be put on their health record and shared with their GP.

Further information, such as the planned dates of the vaccination in your child's school can be found on our NHS website, using this address: www.tiny.cc/imm. You can also visit the website by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone or tablet.

Our dedicated website also includes information about:

- How we use and protect your information and why we sometimes need to share your data
- The different school-aged vaccination programmes we deliver
- Patient information leaflets for the vaccines we use
- The precautions being taken to reduce the risk of exposure and transmission of Covid-19 during the vaccination sessions
- Updates to any planned delivery schedule we need to change at your child's school



Thank you for taking the time to read this important information. If you have any questions, please contact your local School-aged Immunisation Team using the details below.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Williams', positioned below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

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