Flu vaccination consent form

Flu can be very unpleasant for children and sometimes they end up in hospital. Vaccination helps protect your child against flu and reduces the chance of others catching flu from them. Most children are offered a nasal spray vaccine which is quick and easy to administer and is the preferred vaccine for children.

Please complete the questions below as a small number of children cannot have the nasal spray because of medical conditions or treatments. They can be offered protection through a vaccine injection instead.

The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine) to keep the vaccine stable. If you do not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available that contains no gelatine. Please indicate on the form if you wish your child to have the alternative.

The school aged immunisation team can answer any questions you have. More information is available in leaflets found here: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters and from www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

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| Child’s full name (ﬁrst name and surname) | Date of birth |
| Home address  Postcode | GP name and address |
| Daytime contact telephone number for parent/carer  Email address | NHS number (if known) |
| School | Year group/class |

**Medical information** (Please answer all questions)

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| 1. Has your child already had a flu vaccination this season since 1 September 2025? | Yes | No |
| 2. Does your child have a disease or treatment that severely affects their immune system? (e.g. treatment for leukaemia, high dose steroids) | Yes | No |
| 3. Is anyone in your family currently having treatment that very severely affects their immune system? (e.g. they have just had a bone marrow transplant) | Yes | No |
| 1. Has your child had any of the following:    * a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) to eggs requiring intensive care admission    * conﬁrmed severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) to a previous dose of flu vaccine    * conﬁrmed severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) to any component of the vaccine such as egg, neomycin gentamicin or polysorbate 80? | Yes | No |
| 5. Is your child receiving salicylate therapy? (i.e. aspirin) | Yes | No |
| 1. Has your child been diagnosed with asthma? If your child has asthma:    1. Is your child prescribed regular oral steroid tablets for asthma?    2. Has your child ever been admitted to intensive care because of their asthma?   **If your child has become wheezy, had an asthma attack or had to increase their use of reliever inhaler in the 3 days before vaccination is scheduled, please let the immunisation team know, either before, or on the day of vaccination.** | Yes | No |
| 7. Are there any other medical conditions or recent/planned medical treatment that the immunisation team should be aware of? | Yes | No |
| 8. If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, please give details |  | |

**YES, I want** my child to receive the flu nasal spray vaccination

**YES, I want** my child to have the alternative flu vaccine injection

**NO, I do not want** my child to receive any flu vaccine

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions about medical conditions:

I agree that if my child cannot have the nasal spray, they can be given a flu vaccine injection instead.

If you have responded “yes”, it would be helpful to understand why:

If you do not want your child to have the flu vaccine, it would be helpful to understand why:

Yes No N/A Name Parent/Guardian

Signature

Date

Any other comments

**Consent for flu vaccination** (Please complete **one** box only)

**Thank you for completing this form. Please return it to the school as soon as possible.**

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| **Pre-session eligibility assessment for influenza vaccine** | | | | **Eligibility for LAIV assessment on day of vaccination1** | |
| Child suitable for LAIV Yes No | | | | Heavy nasal congestion on the day of vaccination | Yes No |
| If LAIV not suitable, is child suitable for IIV | Yes | No | N/A | If the child has asthma, has the parent/child reported:   * use of oral steroids in the past 14 days? Yes No * has the parent/child reported the child being wheezy, having an asthma attack or needing more reliever inhaler over the past three days?   Yes No | |
| Additional information | | | |
| Assessment completed by (name, designation and signature) | | | |
| Child eligible for LAIV Yes No If no, give details: | |
| Date | | | |

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| **VACCINE DETAILS** | | | | | | | |
| Date | Time | Type of vaccine (please circle) | | Site of injection, if applicable (please circle) | | Batch number | Expiry date |
|  |  | LAIV | IIV | L arm | R arm |  |  |

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| **ADMINISTERED BY** | | |
| Name | Designation | Signature |
| Site/Clinic: | | |
| Date: | | |

1 Children with an acute exacerbation of symptoms including increased wheezing and/or needed additional bronchodilator treatment in the previous 72 hours should be offered inactivated vaccine to avoid a delay in vaccinating this ‘at risk’ group.

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