

MENSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Guardian,

National Routine Flu Vaccination Programme 2022

This Vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against Flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread.

The Fluenz Tetra Vaccine (live attenuated Nasal Spray) is currently the most effective Vaccine for children and is our first choice for protecting children against the circulating Flu strains. The Fluenz Tetra does contain products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine), which is used as a stabiliser within this Vaccine. If this is something you do not wish for your child to have, we are able to offer your child an alternative Flu Injectable Vaccine that does NOT contain any porcine gelatine.

We do not give the alternative Injectable Vaccine in school sessions to primary aged children. To have the Flu injection for Children in Reception to Year 6 you must contact us to arrange a Clinic Appointment.

How do I give consent for the Flu Vaccination?

Once you have read through the information, complete the steps below. Complete all the required fields (you will need to complete and submit **one consent form for each child** you have, in the Primary School **(in years Reception, 1,2,3,4,5, and 6)**. Please make sure that you submit the form no later than **4 working days before the Vaccination Session date** as the link will be closed **3 working days before the Vaccination Session**.

Your online consent form closes at 11.00am, 3 working days before your session date.

Steps for completing your child's on-line consent

1. **Click on the following link:**
www.bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu
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 – BF107299**
4. **Complete and submit the consent form**, indicating your choice of consent – Please ensure you provide the Child's registered address and GP.

Please Note – Even if you do not wish for your child to receive the Vaccination it is important to complete the refusal section of the consent form so that we are aware of your wishes.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything about the Flu Vaccination, please contact the team via our **Single Point of Access Tel: 01274 221269** and they will arrange for a member of the Immunisation Team to call you back.

Please read the leaflet “Protecting your child against flu”

on: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters> and/or: www.nhs.uk/child-flu these include details about the small number of children for whom the Nasal Vaccine is not appropriate.

All initial school Vaccination Sessions will be planned to be completed before the Christmas holidays. If your child was absent on the day of the Session you can bring them to a catch-up Clinic, these are appointment only so please contact the team for an appointment. However, we would advise that if your child is in a **High-Risk** category, they can attend their GP for Vaccination if they missed the Vaccine in school or if the school session is in either November or December.

If your child becomes wheezy, has their asthma medication increased or is given the Vaccine elsewhere after you submit the consent form, please contact the Vaccination Team on 01274 221269 and let us know.

PLEASE NOTE: As we are unable to give assurances that messages given to school staff will always be forwarded to the team prior to your child's Vaccination, we strongly advise that you inform us directly of any changes that you feel may affect your child having their Vaccination on the day. Please ensure that you contact us the day before the session by telephoning **01274 221269**. If you do not let the team know directly, there is a possibility that your Child will be Vaccinated.

For more information about the team and other Vaccinations we offer visit our webpage [School Immunisation team - Bradford - Better Lives Healthy Futures \(betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk\)](https://betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely,

The Vaccination and Immunisation Team