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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's annual flu vaccination will be due from September 2024.

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. The vaccine will help prevent them catching the flu. Vaccinating your child will also help protect vulnerable friends and family by reducing the spread of flu.

The intra-nasal flu vaccine is the most effective protection for your child against flu.

A flu vaccine can be given as an injection in the upper arm if you do not want your child to receive a vaccine containing porcine gelatin. We can give the injection in school to all those children in Year 7 and above. Children from Reception age to Year 6 will be offered a clinic appointment at one of our community clinics.

The online consent can be accessed via any online device. Please click on the following link <https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> which will direct you to an online consent form for you to complete using the following school code **NB108438**

If your child is changing school, you will be sent the link in September. Please complete forms for other children you may have who are staying in the same school, as soon as you receive it.

Consent submissions will close 48 working hours before the school session date. You can call to complete a consent after that but may have to attend a clinic instead.

If you decide you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccination, please complete a non-consent, this is the same form but you chose NO you do not consent to your child receiving the Flu nasal spray or Flu injection.

Please note children aged 18 still attending school will need to go to their GP to receive their flu vaccination.

If you have any queries regarding the consent form or the Flu vaccine please us.

Yours sincerely,

Northumbria Healthcare School Aged Immunisation Service.

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you have completed the form, please inform the immunisation service. For further information see: [Annual flu programme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)