

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The School Aged Immunisation Service will shortly be offering the annual nasal flu vaccination in schools. For more information about the flu vaccination please visit the NHS website:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1087835/UKHSA-12388-protecting-your-child-against-flu-2022-2023.pdf

Please find the link below for the online consent form:

<https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-portsmouth-flu>

If this does not open, please copy and paste the link above into your internet browser.

Once you click START you will then be prompted for the Unique School LEA Code which is:

144191.

The consent will close **26th September 2022** prior to the school session on **29th September 2022**.

If you submit consent after this time, your child will be unable to be given the vaccination in school, but you will receive an email to book into a community clinic appointment.

Please complete the online form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine.

*Once you have opened the form, there will be the option to have a nasal spray or injection. The injection is **only** available for children where the nasal spray is not medically suitable or for religious grounds due to porcine gelatine which acts as a stabiliser. Injections will usually be given in a community clinic setting which you will be guided to book into.*

If at any time you wish to change your consent, you will be required to inform your child's School and the School Aged Immunisation Service before the date of the school flu session.

Please ensure you inform the school and the School Aged Immunisation Service if there are any changes in your child's Asthma i.e. have been experiencing active wheezing in the past 72 hours or those who have increased their use of inhalers in the previous 72 hours of vaccination.

If your child has taken a course of oral steroids in the 14 days before the vaccination date it is important that you let us know.

If you have any questions at all, or if you are unable to complete the online consent form, please contact us on: Email: snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-ports@nhs.net

Phone: 0300 123 5074

For more information visit our website: [School Aged Immunisation Service | Solent](#)

With best wishes

School Aged Immunisation Service

FAQ's

Q: What is a LEA code?

A: Local Education Authority code identifies the school

Q: What does long term health condition mean?

A: Examples include:

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Heart condition
- Arthritis / rheumatological conditions
- Epilepsy
- Cancer

Q: What treatment would affect someone's immune system?

A: Conditions or immunosuppressive therapy such as:-

- acute and chronic leukaemia's
- lymphoma
- HIV infection not on highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART)
- cellular immune deficiencies
- high dose corticosteroids.

Q: What does anaphylaxis mean?

A: Severe allergic reaction requiring intensive care admission

Q: What does salicylate therapy mean?

A: Taking medication such as Aspirin

Q: What is antiviral therapy?

A: Antiviral drugs act by killing or preventing the growth of viruses such as Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and Zanamivir (Relenza)

Q: What is an unrepaired craniofacial malformation?

A: Conditions such as:

- Cleft palate
- Cleft lip
- Craniosynostosis

Q: What additional needs might affect their vaccination?

A:

- Additional learning needs
- Social communication difficulties
- Hearing difficulties