East of England
Community and School-Aged Immunisation Service

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2025 -2026 Flu Vaccination Programme

Dear Parent/Carer

In line with NHS England and UK Health Security Agency requirements, the seasonal flu vaccination programme will be offered to all children **in mainstream schools from reception to year 11**, and in **SEND schools for year groups reception to year 13.**

It is expected that this year flu will be circulating alongside other respiratory viruses and COVID-19. It is therefore important to protect those at risk, prevent ill-health and minimise further impact on the NHS and social care.

The flu programme will be delivered in schools during the autumn term of 2025. The vaccination is free and is available in two forms.



A Nasal Spray which is given as a quick painless spray up the nose. This vaccine is the **most effective** version of the flu vaccination. The nasal spray uses **porcine (pork) gelatine** during the manufacturing process. **Once produced no porcine DNA is detected**.



The alternative vaccination is the **Injectable Flu vaccine**. This vaccine offers **good protection** but it is not as effective as the nasal spray. If you would prefer your child to have the **porcine free (pork free)** flu vaccination, you can select this vaccine on the consent form.

You must complete the on-line form to accept or decline this vaccination.

Please note the form will not work on some mobile phones and tablets. For alternative consent options please telephone 0300 555 5055

Please click on this link Immunisation Form or type https://forms.hct.nhs.uk/FluConsentSAIS/Form1 and complete the form.

You will need this unique code number **EE117686** which identifies your child's school.

The electronic link will close at 2:00:00 PM on Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Please contact the team on 0300 5555 055 option 7 if you have difficulty completing the consent form

For further information about child NHS Flu vaccines, click here.
Further information about NHS vaccinations, click here.
Patient Information Leaflets for both available vaccines are here: Nasal Flu Spray or Flu Injection

Please do not hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team on the above number if you have any questions about the flu immunisation.
Yours sincerely,

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