



**Leeds Community
Healthcare**
NHS Trust

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Dear parent/guardian,

It is time for your child's yearly **flu vaccination!**

School Years included: Reception and Y1 to Y6.

Why get your child vaccinated?

It helps keep your child safe from flu. Flu can be a nasty illness and sometimes causes serious problems such as a chest infection which can develop into pneumonia. It is a quick and simple nose spray.

Giving your child the flu spray will stop the spread. This will help keep friends and family safe. Older people and those with illnesses are most at risk if they catch flu from children.

The flu vaccination is free for your child. Flu viruses change, so even if they had it last year, they need it again this year.

www.nhs.uk/child-flu has more information and tells you which children need the flu injection instead of the nose spray.

The nasal spray contains porcine/pork gelatine, is there an alternative?

Yes, we offer a flu injectable vaccine that **DOES NOT** contain porcine gelatine. To consent to flu injectable, click no to the nasal flu vaccine and you will be given further options.

We do not give the alternative flu injectable vaccine in primary school sessions. To receive the flu injection for children in reception to year 6 you must contact us on 0113 8433101 to arrange a Clinic Appointment.

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How do you let us know you want your child to have the flu vaccination?

Please fill in one online consent form for each child, **click on the following link:**

<https://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The code for your child's school is: **EE148739**

Please fill it in as soon as you can to ensure your child gets vaccinated. Even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated, please complete the form to let us know. We are due to visit your child's school between October to December 2023.

Your school will confirm the date that our service will attend as **access to the link will close 3 days before the session.**

What if my child is absent?

If your child is away from school on the day, please await further information from us on how we can offer a second opportunity for your child to be immunised. This vaccine is not offered by your GP unless your child is in an at-risk group.

If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started steroid tablets for asthma after you return this form, please contact the School Immunisation Team on the telephone number or email address given above.

If your child has this vaccination anywhere else, please let the team know to stop them being given it again in the school session.

Call us on **0113 8433101** if you have any problems or questions. The team will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully

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