

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Here at IntraHealth we provide all the flu vaccinations in primary and secondary schools as requested by NHS England.

This year the flu vaccination will be offered for free to children in Year 7, 8 and 9. Consenting to the vaccine for your child will help protect them from what could be a very serious illness. It will not only protect the child, but also those around them that are at their most vulnerable i.e., elderly, young children and those that are immunosuppressed. By your child receiving the vaccine, it may reduce the time you need to take off work to look after your sick child. More importantly, the more children that are vaccinated the more it helps to protect those that are unable to have the vaccine, this is known as herd immunity.

During the first few weeks of your child starting school, we will be providing a consent form for each child that will contain a **YES** and **NO** option for the nasal flu vaccination, along with an option for the **injectable non-porcine flu vaccination**. This could be a paper consent form or electronic consent form depending on your school. The encompassed information will enable yourself as a parent/guardian to make an informed decision as to whether you would like your child to be vaccinated. If you receive a paper consent form, the completed consent form will need to be brought back to school as soon as possible. IntraHealth will then collect your form from school. Electronic consent forms will be completed via a unique link for each school and are received directly by IntraHealth. The forms will then be triaged by our immunisation team and prepared ready for the school immunisation session.

Your child's school will inform you of the date we will be visiting to vaccinate pupils. If for any reason your child misses the immunisation session in school, catch-up clinics will be held across the season at different venues. These are free to attend but are appointment only, therefore booking is essential.

If you require any support, have any questions about any aspects of the vaccinations, or would like to book an appointment for a catch-up clinic, please contact our specialist Immunisations team on **0333 358 3397 option 2, option 1 again, or email ImmunisationsHull@Intrahealth.co.uk**

Thank you for your continued support

The Immunisations Team Hull

