

Good afternoon,

We are looking forward to visiting your school on: 06/11/2024 for the annual flu immunisation session for your school.

Please could the below letter, containing a secure link to complete the consent form, be sent out to parents. The deadline for parents to complete is 04/11/2024. We cannot guarantee any forms submitted after this date and time will be accepted at the school session.

Parents can contact the team on 0300 790 0597 if they would like any help completing the form or have any queries.

Please send this out at your earliest convenience, if you need any further information please do not hesitate to email.

Communication to your parents:

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Your child's Annual Flu Vaccination Is Now Due, please click the below link to complete a consent form.

[LINK HERE](#)

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Most children are offered a nasal spray vaccine which is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose.

The nasal spray vaccine is the most effective vaccine. The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of porcine gelatine as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

For further information, please refer to the following leaflets:

[*Primary – Flu vaccination primary school - for parents - Health Publications*](#)

[*Secondary - Protect yourself from flu-secondary school - English - Health Publications*](#)

If you have any queries, or need to discuss the alternative flu vaccine injection please Contact the immunisation team on 0300 790 0597 or at epunft.dunmow-west-immunisations@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,

Essex Partnership University Trust Immunisation Team