

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Your child's flu vaccination in school is due from September 2022**

**An Econsent link will be electronically sent or a Paper consent form will come from school in the weeks closer to the vaccination date.**

**PLEASE ONLY CONSENT ONCE, PER CHILD.**

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. With COVID-19 still in circulation it is important to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them, the NHS and social care. Research also shows that if you get both flu and COVID-19 at the same time you may be more seriously ill.

The vaccination is given in your child's school, it is free and is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose. The type of flu can vary each winter, it is recommended to have the vaccine again this year or they won't be protected.

You can visit <https://www.intrahealth.co.uk/fluleaflet2022/> online, which includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate, and also where the Non-Porcine intramuscular vaccination would be.

The healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to ensure children are safe when being offered the vaccine.

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

If you have any queries, please contact the IntraHealth team on 03333 583 397, option 2, option 1, then select East Riding or Hull.

Yours sincerely,

**Hull & East Riding Immunisation Team**

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete the NO section on the reverse of the form and return the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

**For further information see: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)**