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Dear Parents / Carers,

The Solent School Aged Immunisation Service are currently carrying out flu immunisations for children born between 01/09/2011 to 31/08/2018 (Primary school years R to 6).

Flu is caused by the influenza virus. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children. It can also lead to serious problems, such as bronchitis and pneumonia.

Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.

We are pleased to invite you to book your child into a community clinic appointment via our new e-consent system.

Please find the below link which you will need to use to access the InHealthCare e-consent system:

<https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-iow-flu>

If this does not open, please copy and paste the link above into your web browser.

Once you click START you will then be prompted for the Unique School LEA Code which is provided below:

Your unique school/LEA session code: **000003**

You will be asked to select the year group and then class, please select **Year Group** again

Once you have opened the form, you will be given an option to have a nasal spray or injection.

Please can we ask that you select the nasal spray vaccination **unless** your child is unable to have this due to Medical or Religious reasons. The nasal spray contains porcine gelatine which acts as a stabiliser.

Please complete the online form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine.

**Please ensure you inform the Solent NHS School Aged Immunisation Team if there are any changes in your child's health within the 10 days before the vaccination date. For example:- changes in your child's Asthma such as increased use of inhalers, change of inhalers and active wheezing. If your child has taken a course of oral steroids in the 14 days before the vaccination date it is important that you let us know.**

If you have any questions, or if you are unable to complete the online consent form, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team on the above telephone number or email on:

[Snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-iow@nhs.net](mailto:Snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-iow@nhs.net)

With best wishes

School Aged Immunisation Team

## **Further information**

NHS Children Flu Vaccination - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

Vaccine Knowledge Project - <https://vk.ovg.ox.ac.uk/vk/>

## **FAQ's**

**Q:** What is a LEA code?

**A:** This stand for Local Education Authority code and it identifies the place of education.

**Q:** What does long term health condition mean?

**A:** Examples include:

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Heart condition
- Arthritis / rheumatological conditions
- Epilepsy
- Cancer

**Q:** What treatment would affect someone's immune system?

**A:** Conditions or immunosuppressive therapy such as:

- Acute and chronic leukaemia's
- Lymphoma
- HIV infection not on highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART)
- Cellular immune deficiencies
- High dose corticosteroids

**Q:** What does anaphylaxis mean?

**A:** Severe allergic reaction requiring intensive care admission

**Q:** What does salicylate therapy mean?

**A:** Taking medicines such as Aspirin for a treatment

**Q:** What is antiviral therapy?

**A:** Antiviral drugs act by killing or preventing the growth of viruses. Some common ones are Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and Zanamivir (Relenza).

**Q:** What is an unrepaired craniofacial malformation?

**A:** These are conditions such as unrepaired Cleft palate and/or Cleft lip, and Craniosynostosis

**Q:** What additional needs might affect their vaccination?

**A:**

- Additional learning needs
- Social communication difficulties
- Hearing difficulties