



Orchard Primary & Pre-School

14 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Vaccination UK, who are commissioned by the NHS to provide child immunisations within schools, will be attending our school to deliver the Flu Nasal Spray's or IM alternative (porcine free injection) on **Monday 2 October 2023**.

Vaccination UK are obliged to offer 100% of the eligible school aged population from Reception – Year 11 a flu vaccination. This year, the window of time that they can deliver the flu vaccination programme has been significantly limited. In previous years, they could vaccinate from October until the middle of February. However, this year, NHS England have put a 'hard stop' on the end date for offering the flu vaccine of December 15th, in order to ensure that children are vaccinated by Christmas and the chance of flu circulating in the community is reduced.

It is really important that they receive a consent form back for every child, even if you do NOT wish for your child to receive the immunisation, there is an option to decline. Failure to complete a consent form, may result in their call centre making contact with you to obtain it verbally. Please complete the below link to state whether you wish to consent or decline.

[Vaccination UK Immunisation \(schoolvaccination.uk\)](https://schoolvaccination.uk)

It is important that all consents are completed no later than **Sunday 24 September 2023**, links will not be accessible after this time. Clinics are available for children who miss the immunisation at school, please contact the Vaccination team on **01527 390030** to find out more.

*If you have submitted a consent form but take your child to an alternative location to have the flu immunisation, it is YOUR responsibility to let the Vaccination Team know, please contact them directly and immediately as they **DO NOT** get notified automatically.

If you do have issues with the E-consent link, please contact Vaccination UK on **01527 390030** or you can request paper consent forms via the below email address. For any other information, please contact them on **01527 390030** or via email on Worcestershire@v-uk.co.uk

Kind Regards

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