

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The School Aged Immunisation Service will be visiting your school on **Tuesday 7th November 2023** offer the annual nasal flu vaccination.

**Please find the link below for the online consent form:**

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

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

You will require your school's LEA Code which is : **144506**

Please complete the consent form no later than **3 working days before the session** to ensure your child will be vaccinated at the school session. If you submit the consent form after this time your child may be unable to receive the vaccination in school but will be offered a clinic appointment.

Please complete the online form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine, you will need to provide your child's details to do this.

*There will be the option to have the nasal spray or injection. The nasal spray is the universal option and most effective way to receive the vaccine. The injection is **only** available for children where the nasal spray is not medically suitable or for religious grounds due to porcine gelatine content. Injections will usually be given in a community clinic setting which you will be able to book into.*

**If at any time you wish to change your consent, you will be required to inform your child's School and the School Aged Immunisation Service via phone (0300 123 5074), before the date of the school flu session.**

**Please ensure you inform the school and the School Aged Immunisation Service if there are any changes in your child's Asthma i.e. have been experiencing active wheezing or increased use of their inhalers in the 72 hours before their vaccination.**

**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, as we may need to delay the vaccination.**

If you have any questions at all, or if you are unable to complete the online consent form, please contact us on:

Email: [snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-ports@nhs.net](mailto:snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-ports@nhs.net)

Phone: 0300 123 5074

[For more information visit our website: School Aged Immunisation Service | Solent](#)

With best wishes

## School Aged Immunisation Service

### **FAQ's**

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

A: Local Education Authority code identifies the school

**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 do we mean by Intensive Care (ICU)?**

A: Please only answer 'yes' to this question if your child was admitted to a specialist intensive care unit such as PICU, please do not include admission to general paediatric wards or children's assessment unit (CAU).

**Q: What does anaphylaxis mean?**

A: Severe allergic reaction requiring intensive care (PICU) admission

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

A: Taking medication such as Aspirin

**Q: What is antiviral therapy?**

A: Antiviral drugs act by killing or preventing the growth of viruses such as Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and Zanamivir (Relenza)

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

A: Conditions such as:

- Cleft palate
- Cleft lip
- Craniosynostosis

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

A: Additional learning needs

- Social communication difficulties
- Hearing/Sight difficulties