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Flu Season 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

This letter has been sent by the Gloucestershire Elective Home Education Department on behalf of Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust.

**FLU VACCINATION FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
(From Reception up to and including Year 11)**

This year it has been confirmed that the National Flu Vaccination Programme for 2025 is being offered to all school aged children from Reception up to and including Year 11.

We would like to invite you to attend one of our community clinics for your child to obtain this protection at a venue within Gloucestershire.

Giving Consent

Please complete the consent form online (one for each child, please) using the following link ensure you use the Home Educated Unique Code below. To ease submission please ensure that you manually enter your unique code and not copy and paste from the attached letter. You will receive an email confirming receipt with a booking number which you will need to book an appointment once you have submitted a consent form. If you have more than one child you will need to submit one for each child.

[Flu Vaccination Consent Form \(ghcimmunisations.co.uk\)](#)

Home Educated – Unique Code: GC888883

How to Book an appointment after submitting consent

To book an appointment at one of our community clinics you will need to make sure that you have your booking number from your online e-consent submission once you have consented. You will also need to use the email address that you used to submit consent.

Please go to the link [Vaccination Clinic](#) and enter the information and you will see a list of clinics available.

This link will close at midnight on the working day before the team is due to hold their Community Clinic please complete this as soon as possible as the team will be unable to take any consents after this point.

If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason, require assistance to book an appointment online or would prefer to book your appointment over the telephone then please contact Gloucestershire Immunisation Team on 0300 421 8140 or email: FLU.Immunisation@ghc.nhs.uk where they will be glad to help.

If you are unable to attend a clinic, please contact our team to discuss alternative arrangements. This service can be accessed by contacting the Immunisation Team on **0300 421 8140** and will be in operation from 08:00 – 16:00hrs Monday to Friday only.

Why vaccinate

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

The vaccination is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year.

A leaflet explaining the programme is enclosed.

Is there Porcine Gelatine in the nasal spray?

The nasal spray contains very small amounts of porcine gelatine, which is used as a stabiliser in the vaccine. Some people may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products. For these children, there is an alternative injectable vaccine available this year and parents/carers should contact the team on the number below to book a clinic appointment as the injectable vaccination will not be delivered at school-based sessions.

Need more information?

If you have any queries or would like any further information please contact the immunisation team on **0300 421 8140**.

***These clinics are by appointment only**

Yours sincerely

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