



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday, 3rd November 2020

Flu Vaccination Programme at CtS: Thursday 3rd December 2020

Year groups: Reception to Year 6

Date to return consent forms: Tuesday, 10th November 2020

Dear Parents,

The flu vaccine is offered free to all primary aged children through the NHS and our local nursing team will be visiting Christ the Saviour on Thursday 3rd December 2020 to offer the nasal spray flu vaccine to all pupils for whom we have received consent forms. **Only children who have a signed and completed consent form will receive the vaccination.** The consent forms will be sent home in your child's school bag this week along with a printed copy of this letter. The school does not have any control around the date for immunisations.

It is more important than ever to achieve a high level of flu vaccinations and we have attached information from Public Health England with further information about the importance of this vaccination programme. In view of the current Coronavirus pandemic we ask that you take time to read the letter & document from PHE prior to completing and signing the consent form. The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family.

The immunisation team ask that even if you do not wish your child to have the nasal spray flu vaccine that you complete the form appropriately and return it as they wish to review ways to best improve their service.

What do I do if I have already received a letter from the NHS about the nasal flu vaccine with a barcode?

The local immunisation team have informed the school that their service does not use the electronic system so parents **do not** need to send in this QR code or barcode with their consent form.

What do I do if my child is absent from school on 3rd December?

If your child is absent from school on the 3rd Dec 2020 due to illness we will provide you with the immunisation team's telephone number and the team will book your child into a catch up clinic to have the nasal spray flu vaccine.

How do I return my child's consent form?

Please note we will be accepting the completed consent forms on Tuesday, **10th November 2020**. We ask that you return the consent forms to your child's school site i.e. either the Grove or the Broadway. To help with the smooth return of forms, we will be placing a collection box at each of the school gates. The collection boxes will be available during both morning drop off and home time collections on the 10th November.

Please be aware that we will **not be accepting emailed consent forms**. Similarly, forms should not be returned in a child's book bag. Parents should drop the forms into the collection box at drop off or collection on 10th November.

What do I do if I do not give consent for my child to be immunized?

The immunization programme requires written consent from one parent. This is checked by the medical team before administering the nasal flu vaccine. When a child is in shared custody of parents and they do not have the same belief about consent for immunisation we ask them to discuss this together and seek external medical advice. The legal position is that one parent has to consent 'yes' for immunisation.

If you do not consent to the immunisation programme you may either:

1. Return the consent form indicating you do not give consent
2. Not return the form (We have never immunised a child without written consent from a parent.)

What do I do if my child is asthmatic?

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you have returned the consent form, please contact the immunisation team on 01895 485740.

What to do if my child has a severe egg allergy?

If your child has a severe egg allergy and has been hospitalized for this allergy recently, we ask that you consult with your GP to discuss an alternative flu vaccine. If your child has a mild egg allergy the immunisation team will contact you on the day to discuss the flu vaccine.

Many thanks for your continued support at this time,

Kind regards,
Karen Halliwell

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