

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OXLEAS NHS TRUST
REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S NASAL FLU VACCINATION**

September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of the National Childhood Vaccination schedule your child is being offered the nasal flu vaccination. This is being offered routinely to all children in special schools and children in primary and secondary schools in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

The annual nasal flu vaccination protects your child against flu, which can be an unpleasant illness and in rare cases can sometime cause serious complications. Also, through herd immunity, vaccinated children are less likely to pass the virus on to others, some of whom may be at great risk from flu. The childhood nasal flu vaccination protects against the flu virus. This vaccination is given once yearly as a simple spray up each nostril, which is painless, very quick and serious side effects are uncommon.

You will need to register an account on the school screener site, if you are a new user.

Please Use the QR Code or follow the link to complete the e-consent form at:
<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Oxleas/imms/Oxi2324Flu/141163>

If you experience difficulties accessing the eConsent system, please email:
parentsupport@schoolscreener.com and they will be able to assist you.



If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, You Must Decline using the eConsent Form. This will automatically remove your child from the flu programme, and we will not contact you further.

The vaccination session will be held at Woolwich Polytechnic School on **Friday 1st December 2023**.

If you are not the young person's parent or legal guardian with full parental responsibility you will need to obtain **Formal consent** from their parent or social worker who can legally consent, along with a legal document stating otherwise.

The nasal flu vaccine contains highly processed porcine gelatine as an essential stabiliser. For those who may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medicines, a flu vaccine injection is available. If you would like more information or would like to consent to your child receiving the injectable vaccination, please call our office and speak to a member of the immunisation team. For further information please visit NHS choices website on: www.nhs.uk/child-flu.

If your child is wheezy or has had their asthma medication increased after you have returned the consent form, please contact Oxleas Immunisation Team or your child's school before the day of the vaccination session.

Yours Sincerely

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