

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Here at IntraHealth we provide all the nasal flu vaccinations in primary and secondary schools as requested by NHS England. We are working closely with all primary schools, and now secondary schools, to encompass the newly added Year 7's also. Our aim is to help promote the nasal flu vaccination programme within the schools setting.

Every year the nasal flu is offered free to children from reception through to Year 7. Consenting to the vaccine for your child will help protect them from what could be a very serious illness. It will not only protect the child, but also those around them that are at their most vulnerable i.e. elderly, young children and those that are immunosuppressed. By your child receiving the vaccine, it may reduce the time you need to take off work to look after your sick child. More importantly, the more children that are vaccinated the more it helps to protect those that are unable to have the vaccine, this is known as herd immunity.

During the first few weeks of your children starting school, we will be providing a consent form for each child that will contain a **YES** and **NO** form along with a brief description of the nasal flu programme. This could be a paper consent form or electronic consent form depending on your school. The encompassed information will enable yourself as a parent/guardian to make an informed decision as to whether your child should be vaccinated or not. If you receive a paper consent form the completed consent form will need to be brought back to school as soon as possible. IntraHealth will then collect your form from school. Electronic consent forms will be completed via a unique link for each school and are received directly by IntraHealth. The forms will then be triaged by our dedicated immunisation team and prepared ready for the school immunisation session.

Your child's school will keep parents informed of the date we will be visiting the school to vaccinate pupils. If for any reason your child misses the immunisation session in school, community clinics will be held across the season at different venues. These are free to attend but are appointment only due to COVID 19 restrictions and guidelines currently in place, booking is therefore essential.

If you require any support or have any questions about any aspects of the vaccinations, please contact our specialist Immunisations team on **0333 3583 397 option 7** or email ImmunisationsSheff@intrahealth.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support

The Immunisations Team Sheffield/Rotherham

