

Merton School Age  
Immunisation Team  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Your child's flu vaccination is now due.**

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. There may be a rebound in flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

**Please follow the link below to complete an online consent form** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. Please fill in one consent form for each child to avoid duplication.

If you decide you **do not want to vaccinate your child against flu**, please return the e-consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

**Please use this link to access the online consent form:**

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2022/merton>

**The deadline for submitting your e-consent form is:**

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme is enclosed and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.



**Hounslow and Richmond  
Community Healthcare**  
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If you have any queries, please contact the Immunisation Team on

Phone : **0203 903 3373** or

Email : [hrch.immunisationteammertonmailbox@nhs.net](mailto:hrch.immunisationteammertonmailbox@nhs.net)

Yours sincerely,

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**If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you return this form, please contact the healthcare team on 0203 903 3373.**

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For further information see: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)