

**Academic Year 2023/24**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE NASAL FLU VACCINATION

The School-Age Immunisation Service is delivering the flu immunisation programme in Cornwall's and Devon's schools on behalf of NHS England & Improvement. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

In 2023/24 all students in secondary schools in Years 7 – 11 will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for children and young people; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please enter [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu) to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The patient information leaflet is also in the attached link: [FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine \(live attenuated, nasal\) \(medicines.org.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu).

We are due to visit your child's school on **14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> **PLEASE ENSURE YOU QUOTE THE FULL CODE. The code for your school is: DV144760**

Please submit your consent **by midday on 12th December 2023** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please **telephone 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools** and **01392 342678** for Devon schools, and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years **you must opt in** to the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child might not be vaccinated.

- **Important: Your child can self-consent to treatment if they are considered competent to do so by one of our nurses; this is known as Gillick competency. If you require any further information in this regard, please contact us or go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>**

**If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you submit this form, please contact one of the numbers above.**

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, it will help us if you still complete and submit the form giving the reason. This will assist us in planning and developing the service. Please tell us if you need this information in a different format.

Yours faithfully

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