

**Dorset School Age Immunisations Service**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Your child's flu vaccination is now due for students in Years 7 to 11**

We are pleased to confirm that the flu vaccination will be offered in schools this autumn and winter to help protect your child. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. 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.

Details regarding the vaccination session for your child's school are as follows:

School	<b>Beaminster School</b>
Date of session	<b>Thursday 23 November 2023</b>
School / LEA Code	<b>3spbsu</b>
Deadline for completing the online consent form:	<b>Monday 20 November 2023</b>

**If the form is submitted too late for us to be able to do this, your child will not be able to be immunised at school, and you will need to make a clinic appointment in a community venue instead.**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING ONLINE CONSENT**

This service is provided on behalf of Dorset HealthCare by InHealthCare

- Please complete the online consent form using the link below and enter the unique session code for your child's school (shown above):  
<https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/dorset-flu>
- Enter your child's details, and your contact details in the relevant fields.
- InHealthCare will send a verification code to your email address, to ensure we have your correct details. You will need to enter this code to access the final part of the form in order to

complete the enrolment process.

- You will be asked a series of health questions for your child. There is space to add further information if your child has a health condition or additional needs.
- We will contact you if we require any further information. Please provide a daytime telephone number if possible.
- If you miss the deadline, you can still complete a form but will be offered an appointment for a catch-up clinic at a community venue.
- If you decide you do not want your child to be vaccinated against flu, there is space on the consent form for you to complete and please do tell us why.

If you have any problems completing the online consent form, please check our website:

[www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms](http://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms) and complete the 'Contact Us' form. For any other queries regarding your child's vaccination, please e-mail us at [dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net) or phone us on 01425 891162.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme is attached to this email / available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters/protect-yourself-against-flu-information-for-parents-and-carers-of-preschool-and-primary-school-aged-children>

and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. If your child is unable to have the nasal flu vaccination, we will contact you to discuss your child having the flu injection at a community clinic instead.

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

Yours faithfully

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