

Dear Parents/guardians,

Your child is in **Year R to Year 6** (or Year 7 to year 11 if your school accommodates) from September 2021 and is therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting your child's school on **Friday 17th December**.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system, which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to protect them and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

Considering the above, we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination asap. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "decline". On this link you will also find answers to your FAQ's and links to the current Public Health England and manufacturers leaflets. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

**Prior to completion of the consent, we would like each individual child's unique NHS number – this can be found in their red book, or via this link:**

Find your NHS number - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))

**Please note, this field is not mandatory so if you are experiencing problems finding/accessing your child's NHS number then you can leave this blank.**

To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>

We will be **operating a strict policy of closing the consent links and your school's link will close at midnight on the 8th December 2021**. If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school and you will be offered the opportunity to book them into a community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines are open 9.00 to 12 noon and then 14:00 until 16.30)

Email: [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

**Virgin Care Immunisation Team**

**School Age Immunisations Team**

**Virgin Care Services Limited**

**Telephone: 0300 247 0082**