

St Nicholas Catholic High School

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Your child's annual 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.

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

A leaflet containing information about the vaccination programme is attached to the email you will have received from school, and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of purified porcine gelatine as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available. Please contact us using the details at the top of this letter to book into a clinic for this.

**Please click on the link below to complete a consent form (one for each child) on our website. Please submit this as soon as possible to ensure your child receives their vaccination.**

The nasal flu vaccination programme for your child's school, **St Nicholas Catholic High School**, is scheduled for:

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER**

Your child's school, **St Nicholas Catholic High School**, has a unique code that you will be prompted to input into the system. The school code is:

**CP111450**

**Please submit consent here <https://www.cwpstartingwellimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu> by 12 NOON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER to ensure that your child receives the vaccination.**

It is important that you complete a consent form online before the deadline, otherwise your child will not be called for their vaccination.

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

If you have any queries, please contact the school aged immunisation service using the details given at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

School Aged Immunisation Service  
0-19 Starting Well Service - CWP

**If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad asthma attack or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you return this form, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service on 01244 397470.**

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

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