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Dear Parent/Career

Alternative porcine (pork gelatine) free flu injection offer for primary aged children in reception to year 6

Flu vaccination is being offered to your child. Most children are offered a nasal spray vaccine which is easy to administer and is considered better at preventing the spread of flu.

The nasal vaccine contains highly processed porcine (pork) gelatine as an essential stabiliser. For those who may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medicines, a flu vaccine injection is available. If you have not already done so and would like to consent to the flu injection, **please follow the steps in the guide at the end of this letter.**

Once we receive your consent form a member of the team will be in touch to offer your child an appointment at one of our clinics. These are held at various times and dates which include some Saturdays at:

Horton Park Centre - Undercliffe Health Centre - Keighley Health Centre

You do not need to complete a consent form if your child has already received their Flu vaccination this winter, or you have already completed your online consent form for the Flu nasal spray/injection.

If you require any further help, please **do not** contact your child's school, contact the Immunisations team on 01274 221269 and a member of the team will contact you.

More information is available from www.nhs.uk/child-flu.

Yours sincerely
Bradford District care Trust
Immunisation team

Guide to completing consent for the injectable flu vaccine

- Enter the following link into your web browser:
www.bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu
- Enter and confirm your preferred email address – you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.
- Enter your school code – **BF140358**

Please complete steps 1-4 below if you wish to consent for **injectable porcine (pork gelatine) free flu vaccine**:

1. Select "no" to consent to the nasal flu immunisation.

Consent

I consent for my child to receive the Nasal Flu immunisation:

Yes

No

2. In the **if no** box, you must select **vaccine content** as below to ensure you can access the section in Step 3 to give your consent for the **injectable porcine free (pork gelatine) flu vaccine**

If No, please give us more information:

Vaccine contents (porcine gelatine)

3. To give consent answer yes to the question below.

The Fluenz Tetra vaccine (live attenuated nasal spray) is currently the most effective vaccine for children and is our first choice for protecting children against the circulating flu strains. However we are aware that this is a vaccine that you have declined because of the porcine content, which is used as a stabiliser within this vaccine. This flu season we may be able to offer your child an alternative flu vaccine that does not contain any porcine gelatine.

We do not give the alternative injectable vaccine in school sessions to primary aged children. You must contact us to arrange a clinic appointment. If your child attends upper school, years 7,8 and 9 the injectable vaccine will be offered in the school session.

Do you consent to your child having the alternative injectable flu vaccination?

Yes

No

4. Complete your details and your relationship with the child along with health questions for your child. Then click submit.

Submit