NHS
South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service

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Dear parent or carer,

**Your child's flu vaccination is now due.**

**The Greenwich Immunisation Team will visit your child's school on Thursday 26th November 2026**

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. If you would like to know more about the flu vaccine, please visit the NHS website.

Please discuss the vaccine with your child, and use the link provided to access and complete the electronic consent form:
http://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2026/greenwich

Your child will be offered the live nasal flu spray or the injectable porcine-free flu vaccine. The nasal spray vaccine is a quick and simple spray up each nostril. Alternatively, you can choose for your child to have the injectable porcine-free vaccine. This is given as an injection into the upper muscle of the arm.

It is recommended that your child have the flu vaccine every year due to changes in flu strains circulating each year, even if they had the vaccine last year.

If you do not complete your consent form, you may be contacted by phone, text, or letter, to offer your child future opportunities to receive a vaccination. If you return a 'no' consent, we will not make any further contact this year.

We offer all children and young people the opportunity to receive their vaccinations in an appropriate and comfortable environment. Our teams hold clinics over the school holiday periods, some weekends, and after school sessions. Please contact your local immunisation team to book a clinic appointment, or for more information.

In the absence of a signed consent form from parents, we invite young people to self-consent, providing they can demonstrate:

- an understanding of the vaccinations due;
- the benefits of vaccination compared to being unvaccinated;
- the potential side effects of vaccination.

This is done on a case-by-case basis, in line with the Gillick Guideline Competence.

We have included some frequently asked questions about the flu vaccine below. If you have any queries about the flu vaccine, please contact your Immunisation team:

- Tel: 0203 9033345
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For more information on our Service and the consent process, please see our privacy notice.

Yours sincerely,

**Greenwich Immunisation Team**

