



School Aged Immunisation Service
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Dear parent/guardian,

It is time for your child's yearly flu vaccination! This is offered to school years reception up to and including year 11.

Please use the link and individual school code below to complete your consent/refusal form. Access to the link will close 1 week before the session. Your school will inform you of the date our service will attend.

<https://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The code for your child's Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School is: **EE108095**

Why get your child vaccinated?

Flu can be a nasty illness and isn't just a bad cold. Giving your child the flu spray will protect them and will also help to keep more vulnerable friends and family members safe and well. The flu vaccination is quick, simple and free.

www.nhs.uk/child-flu has further information and tells you which children may need the flu injection instead of the nose spray.

Does the nasal spray contain porcine?

Yes, but it is a very purified version which is barely detectable. The vaccination is for medical purposes and has been deemed permissible for use by the British Fatwa Council.

Is there an alternative?

We do offer an injectable vaccine that **DOES NOT** contain porcine. This vaccine is only offered in high schools and SILC schools, primary aged children would need to attend one of our community clinics.

What if my child misses their vaccination in school?

Flu immunisation sessions will run in health centre(s), where available, for those primary school aged children requiring an injection or those in reception to year 11 who missed the session in school. We will send a text message to those who are eligible nearer the time, and we expect it to include the option to book an appointment directly onto our systems.

Please note, the flu vaccine is only offered by your GP if your child is in an at-risk group due to a health condition.

If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started steroid tablets for asthma after you submit your form, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service to let us know.

If your child receives the vaccination elsewhere prior to the school session it is important that you let us know.

Please contact us on the above phone number or email address if you have any problems or questions, the team will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully

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