

The County High School  
Leftwich

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Your child's 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.

With COVID-19 still in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them, the NHS and social care.

Research also shows that if you get both flu and COVID-19 at the same time, you may be more seriously ill.

**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.**

**You will need to enter your email address and your child's school code.**

**Your child's school will inform you of the date of the session. Consent forms must be submitted at least 2 days before the session to be triaged by a nurse.**

[www.cwpstartingwellimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.cwpstartingwellimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu)

School code: CP138743

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 vaccination is free and is a quick and simple 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.

While COVID-19 is in circulation, the healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to ensure children are safe when being offered the vaccine. The immunisation team will be wearing PPE in line with local guidance.

If you have any queries please contact the immunisation team using the above details.

Yours sincerely,

Immunisation Team  
CWP 0-19 Starting Well

**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 Starting Well Immunisation Team 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)**