

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The School Aged Immunisation Service recently visited your child's school to offer the annual flu vaccination. If your child missed this opportunity to be vaccinated and you would like your child to receive the vaccine, please contact us to book an appointment at one of our community catch up clinics.

To book an appointment please call **0800 170 7055 (option 5)**.

For further advice for parents and carers on the 2022-23 flu programme including details about the small number of children with medical conditions or treatments for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate, please click [HERE](#)

The nasal flu spray called LAIV is the primary choice of vaccine offered to most children under the age of 18 as it is generally more effective in this age group than the inactivated injected vaccine.

LAIV nasal spray vaccine does contain a very small amount of porcine gelatine, used as a stabiliser, and we are aware that as some families may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products. If wish your child to receive the alternative inactivated injected vaccine which does not contain porcine gelatine, please advise us when calling to book your appointment.

For more information relating to vaccines containing porcine gelatine, including information in other languages please click link: [HERE](#) and to visit the Oxford Knowledge Project who provide independent information about vaccines and infectious diseases click [HERE](#)

Yours sincerely,

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