

Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme — FAQ

What is the Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme?

The flu vaccination programme was introduced in 2013 and is offered to children in primary schools across the country. Research has shown that the programme has reduced hospital admissions and GP appointments with flu— like illnesses.

Why is the programme offered in primary school?

By offering the vaccination to children, it not only protects them but also more vulnerable members of the community that may not be able to have the vaccination as children are 'super spreaders' of the virus. Also, if children contract flu, they often become more unwell and for a longer period than adults.

I've heard the vaccine contains pork gelatine, is this true?

The vaccine uses porcine gelatine as a stabiliser in the manufacturing process. This has been a point of conversation for many faith groups. We would be happy to come and speak to your staff or parents in more detail about any concerns they may have.

When will the vaccines take place?

The immunisation team will have arranged a day with your school during the autumn term. For any children absent or unwell on the initial session, we will provide a 'mop up' session in school and community sessions which parents can attend.

What happens if something goes wrong?

Despite all the systems and processes, occasionally incidents do happen. We would advise, if an incident is discovered, to contact the immunisation team and request to speak to your coordinator immediately. At this point, we will contact the parents and offer advice. We will also begin an internal review of what went wrong. Please do not attempt to offer medical advice to parents as you could be doing more harm than good. Simply contact the team on 0333 358 3397.

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