



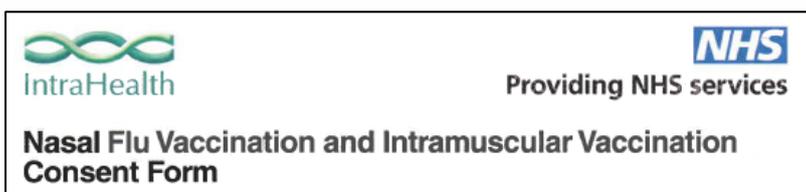
23rd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I feel it is important to keep you fully informed of plans for vaccinations in our school over the next few weeks and so, hopefully, to allay some concerns and avoid some confusion.

(1) Flu vaccinations

Letters regarding **nasal** flu vaccinations have been issued this week to all year groups. The top of the letter looks like this:



Parents/carers should read the information and then complete either the **green** (accept/**yes**) form or the **red** (decline/**no**) form and return it to school **by Monday 27th September**. All returns will then be forwarded directly to the NHS immunisation team to be processed.

These vaccinations, which are given as a nasal spray, are scheduled for 7th October. They will be administered by the local NHS immunisation team to those pupils for whom consent has been received only.

Any queries should be directed to the number shown on the consent form (**0333 3583 397**) and not to the school.

(2) COVID vaccinations for 12 – 15 year olds.

As per national directive, all healthy children in Tameside aged 12 - 15 will be offered COVID-19 Pfizer immunisations this term. Yesterday evening we were informed that **Hyde High School pupils aged 12+ will be offered COVID vaccinations next Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th September**. These will be organised and administered by the School Aged Immunisation Service from Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care Trust.

IMPORTANT – a consent form, along with full information, will be issued to all eligible pupils as soon as we receive them (hopefully tomorrow), we will text parents to confirm that the forms have gone out. These should be returned to school by **Tuesday 28th September** and they will be forwarded directly to the immunisation team to be processed.

Year 7 children who have not reached the age of 12 by Wednesday 29th September will NOT be eligible for the vaccine. 16 year olds are already eligible through the national vaccination programme, however vaccines will be offered to **all** Year 11 pupils whether they are 15 or 16.

****The immunisation team will NOT vaccinate any child within our school setting without written consent from a person with parental responsibility****

Please note: it is a government directive that COVID vaccines are offered to secondary age pupils and that this should take place in schools as this is the most efficient way of accessing young people. If after receiving the full information you have any queries relating to these vaccinations, please contact the immunisation team directly on 0161 366 2139 and not the school.

School staff will, of course, be on hand throughout each of these vaccination sessions to supervise and support all pupils involved.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ARadcliffe .". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrea Radcliffe
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