




Statement on Flu Vaccination

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Princess Frederica works with the NHS to offer the flu vaccine to children in Reception up to Year 6.

The vaccine is given yearly as a nasal spray to help protect children against flu and its potentially serious complications.

More information can be found at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine

While the NHS recommends that eligible children are given the flu vaccine, parents and carers may choose for their children not to be given the vaccine. The Senior Leadership Team and the Governing Board respect the right of parents and carers to make that choice.

We recognise that this is a personal decision and would ask that parents refrain from trying to influence one another in making that decision. In particular, parents are asked not to use social media connected with the school - such as class WhatsApp groups and Facebook pages - for this purpose. These social media are a useful tool for sharing information about school events and their misuse for other purposes can be frustrating and even intimidating for some parents and carers.

Whether or not they are being given the vaccine, all children are expected to attend school as normal on the day that the vaccination is offered and to participate in all other school activities. Absence on that day, or other days for reasons connected with the vaccination programme, will not be authorised.