



Wingrove Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Advance Notice: Influenza vaccination

All children in England in school years Reception to Year 4 are eligible for seasonal flu vaccination this autumn. The Public Health Team will be visiting Wingrove Primary School on **Monday 11th December**.

Public Health School Nurses will obtain written consent from parents/guardians. Consent forms will be handed out on Monday 4th December and should be returned to school by Friday 8th December.

The vaccine itself is called Fluenz Tetra® and is an intranasal vaccine (nasal spray). The vaccine will be squirted up the child's nose. The vaccine does not involve an injection.

The only children who will be excluded from vaccination in school will be those in whom this vaccine is contraindicated.

Advice for faith communities

(taken from <https://sharegoodtimesnotflu.co.uk/vaccination-info.html>)

This nasal spray flu vaccine contains a highly processed form of gelatin (porcine, derived from pigs), which is used globally in many essential medicines.

The full list of vaccine ingredients is found in the Patient Information Leaflet. Please go to: www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/29109

Some faith groups accept the use of porcine gelatin in medical products – the decision is, of course, up to you.

Please ask your health visitor or local pharmacist if you have any queries.

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