

October 2021

FLU VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION AND YEARS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust are offering a flu vaccination through a nasal spray as part of the government's annual national flu immunisation programme to children. The vaccine will be administered in school by healthcare staff from the NHS on 2nd November 2021.

Parents have asked me about specific information relating to the use of gelatine within the vaccine. I share below the information that the NHS have provided:

“Does the nasal vaccine contain gelatine derived from pigs (porcine gelatine)?

Yes. The nasal vaccine contains a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine).....”

This is a government initiative as part of the NHS flu immunisation programme across many schools in the South East of England. The option to take or not take the vaccine is purely based on parental choice and will be offered to parents of children in Reception and Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Please go to the school's website www.iqraprimary.com, click on Useful Information and read carefully the information provided in the leaflet entitled “Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Parent/Carer Information Pack 2020/21” so you are able to make an informed choice for your children.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr M. Maher
Headteacher