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Dear Parent or Guardian

The School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) will be attending <u>Oldbury Wells School on Friday 27th January 2023</u> to administer the Live Nasal Flu Vaccination (LAIV) Programme to children in Y7, Y8 & Y9 only.

Over the last 12 months, the SAIS have been developing an electronic consent (eConsent) that can be completed online, as an alternative to paper consent forms which will be trialled on your upcoming vaccination date at Oldbury Wells School. This will eventually be rolled out to all schools across our HPV, SLB and Flu programmes, and will hopefully make the process of obtaining consent easier and more efficient for parents, the schools & our team.

Included in this letter is a link which will take you to an online virtual assistant, rather than receiving a paper consent form for your child's vaccination. The virtual assistant will prompt you for your child's NHS number, however if you don't have this you can still complete the form either by using the search option to find your child's NHS number or by inputting their details. Once your child has been identified, the virtual assistant will ask several questions in relation to the vaccine your child is being offered (Live Nasal Flu Vaccination - LAIV), and once complete it will be sent directly to our team to triage.

Please ensure that you complete the above process separately for each child who attends Oldbury Wells School in Y7, Y8 & Y9 only.

If you would like to read about the **Live Nasal Flu Vaccination (LAIV)** please find the parent information leaflet by clicking here; Protecting your child against flu; Information for parents and carers (publishing.service.gov.uk)

If you do not wish for your child to receive their vaccinations, please complete the eConsent as usual, selecting 'No Consent' on the question that asks which vaccination you are consenting to.

We would like to take this opportunity to make parents aware that as eConsent is still somewhat in the trial stages there is the potential for issues to arise. If there are any issues which prevent us from accessing your consent online, the nurses will be calling parents on the day to obtain consent, so your child is able to receive vaccinations as planned.

Link: To complete an eConsent for the Live Nasal Flu (LAIV) Vaccination please click here.

If your child requires the Inactivated (Injectable) QIVc Flu Vaccination we ask that you contact a member of the SAIS on 01743 730028 to discuss this.

For all other questions, please contact our admin team on 01743 730028

Yours sincerely,

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