

Flu Fighters Article

Vaccination UK will be attending schools this Autumn and Winter to administer the annual flu vaccinations to school children from reception to Year 7.

To support this year's campaign, the Flu Fighters will be returning and encouraging children to have the vaccine in their new story – *Close Encounters of the Germed Kind*. Free copies of the book will be distributed to every eligible child from reception to year 6, along with a consent form. Please return your consent forms to school as soon as possible.

Delivering the vaccination programme through schools is the best way to ensure the maximum number of children are protected against flu. Vaccination will also help reduce the spread of flu and protect the whole population, including those who cannot or do not have the vaccine. With the country still in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and the flu season rapidly approaching, it will also help to reduce pressure on the NHS and other vital services.

The vaccine is also available to children aged 2 and 3, people with long term health conditions, the over 65s; carers and care staff, people in long stay residential care homes, pregnant women, those who love people on the shielded list through their GP or pharmacist, while anyone else can get their vaccination from many local pharmacies for a small charge.

Further information on adults and children's vaccines can be found on www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/flufighters.

If you have any queries, please contact Vaccination UK's School Vaccination Team on 01902 682922.

