

Dorset School Age Immunisations Service

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The School Immunisation Service is writing to advise that pupils with certain pre-existing medical conditions are eligible to receive their seasonal influenza vaccination at an earlier clinic, rather than waiting for the scheduled school vaccination session.

This approach helps ensure that clinically vulnerable children receive timely protection ahead of the peak flu season. Parents and carers of eligible pupils are encouraged (if you so wish) to contact the School Immunisation Service to arrange an appointment at one of the community clinics before their school-based programme takes place.

Children with the following pre-existing health conditions, will be allowed to book an earlier appointment (all other school- aged children will be able to receive their annual influenza vaccination at school, as planned).

- Chronic respiratory diseases (severe asthma requiring regular preventive treatment)
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic Liver disease
- Chronic neurological conditions (such as cerebral palsy or certain muscular disorders)
- Diabetes
- Weakened immune system (due to disease or treatment)
- Asplenia or splenic dysfunction (including sickle cell)
- Children receiving long-term aspirin therapy

Please call on **01425 891162** to book an earlier appointment if your child meets the above criteria and wish them to be vaccinated earlier than their scheduled school date. The clinics available for children with pre-existing health conditions will be held on the **19th September 2026 09:30- 14:30pm at:**

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Kind regards
Dorset Health Vaccination Service