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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been brought to our attention that the NHS Nasal Flu Vaccine contains a small amount of pork gelatine.

We have looked at the NHS Choices website and copied a couple of the frequently asked questions:

Does the nasal vaccine contain pork?

Yes, the nasal spray contains a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of essential medicines.

The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

Can my child have the injected vaccine that doesn't contain gelatine instead?

The nasal vaccine provides good protection against flu, particularly in young children. It also reduces the risk to, for example, a baby brother or sister who is too young to be vaccinated, as well as other family members (for example, grandparents) who may be more vulnerable to the complications of flu.

The injected vaccine is not being offered to healthy children as part of the children's flu vaccination programme.

However, if your child is at high risk from flu due to one or more medical conditions or treatments and can't have the nasal flu vaccine they should have the flu vaccine by injection.

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

If you wish to withdraw your consent, please complete and sign the attached form below.

I Linsdell – Head Teacher.

Nasal Flu Vaccine – return ASAP

I would like to withdraw my consent for my child to receive the Nasal Flu Vaccine.

Childs name _____ Class _____

Signed _____ Dated _____

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