

Message from Salford City Council and NHS Salford

Dear parents/carers,

We have been made aware that there is some confusion regarding the eligibility for both the Covid-19 and flu vaccinations which are being offered this autumn.

The Covid-19 vaccination and the flu vaccination are two separate vaccines; they are not combined into one and having one does not protect you from catching the other virus.

#### Flu vaccination

Every year there is a national flu vaccination programme which begins in September.

All school aged children (reception up to year 11) are being offered the flu vaccination and will be able to have the vaccination in school. The vaccination is a nasal spray which is painless and easy to have. Consent forms for the flu vaccination are being sent out to all parents/carers.

#### Covid-19 vaccination

Only children aged 12-15 are being offered the Covid-19 vaccination. Primary school children are not eligible and WILL NOT be offered the Covid-19 vaccination.

We hope this makes things clear. If you have already completed a consent form in relation to the flu vaccination and now wish to change your decision, please ask for a new consent form.