



Inside Kingshurst

TGAK Foodbank Appeal

As the festive period creeps up on us, another vitally important fixture within the Academy's diary is the annual appeal for the Kingfisher Foodbank in Smiths Wood.



The generosity shown by our students, parents and carers over the years has led to over 2 tonnes of food being donated in time for the festive period to this incredible charity.

Anyone wishing to donate any items (that must still be in date) can do so by either:

1. **Dropping them off to the main reception.**
2. **Sending these in with your child who can then drop these off to the Student Service Office.**

Our team of 'elves' will take of the rest in ensuring it gets to the Foodbank in time for Christmas to help support those within the area.

Christmas Dinner Fine Dining!

Bookings are currently being taken for yet another TGAK institution, the Kingshurst Christmas Dinner that this year will **take place on 11th December**.

The cost of the Christmas dinner will be an unbelievable £2.80 (!) or indeed will be covered for any student in receipt of free school meals.

If you would like to book a meal for your child (vegetarian option available), **please complete the online form (below) by Wednesday 4th December**.



[CLICK HERE TO
BOOK YOUR CHRIST-
MAS DINNER](#)

Careers Fair

Many thanks to everyone who took part in Thursday's Annual Careers Fair. 57 providers, over 400 students and a wealth of parents and carers took part in our biggest ever careers event at the Academy.



It was delight to welcome back a range of ex-students as now fully fledged professionals, representing their current employers and amazing to see students engaged in purposeful conversation as to what the future might hold, all thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Careers Team, Jacqui Robinson and Helen Cunningham—we've been told next year, it will be even bigger!

Parent Governor Vacancy

Apply now!

If you are a parent or carer of a student at the Academy and are interested in putting yourself forward for election, you are invited to complete and return the nomination form within the recent letter posted on the Academy website ([CLICK HERE](#)).

Parent Governors are welcomed as valued members of the Governing Body and play an important role. The Governing Body works together as a group, meeting at least once every term and is responsible for the strategic direction of the school, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact.

TGAK Nasal Flu vaccinations

Just a reminder that nasal flu jabs will be taking place next Wednesday for those of you who have completed the online consent form for this to occur. Full details are provided on the following three pages. **Were you to still like your child to receive their nasal flu jab, there is still time to consent to this if completed by the end of Friday 29th November.**



Academic Year 2024/2025

Immunisations Team
Children & Families Division

Website: <https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-public/children-and-young-people/services-parent-portal/immunisation-services/>

Dear Parent/Guardian

Nasal Flu vaccination

School Name: 146379 - Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst

Your child is entitled to have the nasal flu vaccine this year. The School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) offers these vaccines in school,

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness in children. Some children can get a very high fever, sometimes they may need to go to hospital for treatment. Serious complications of flu include a painful ear infection, acute bronchitis, and pneumonia.

The flu viruses change every year, so the vaccine is updated. We recommend that your child is vaccinated against flu each year, even if vaccinated last year.

For more information about the nasal flu vaccination please visit
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>

Please let us know as soon as possible if you **DO** or **DO NOT** want your child to have the recommended nasal flu vaccination by:

Completing the consent form on-line at:

<https://www.bchcschoolagevaccs.nhs.uk>

Quoting Letter Reference - 146379-695

Access Code - 7378

Please complete this consent form as soon as possible after you have received it.

The link will close 3 days before the session in school. This will allow us time to clinically assess all requests for vaccination.

If the link has closed when you try to submit your consent or you need help or advice completing the consent form please contact the SAIS team on the phone number **0121 466 3410**.

If you prefer to use a paper form, please request one from school.

Secondary-aged children may be able to give consent for this vaccination if you do not tell us of your choice.

It is important you contact the immunisation team if

- Your child receives this vaccination anywhere else after you return the form to us.
- If you change your mind after you fill in the form.
- Your child becomes wheezy in the three days before the immunisation is due.
- Your child increases their asthma medication in the two weeks before the immunisation is due- please check with the school for the exact date.

Immunisation Team - Telephone - 0121 466 3410

Email - BCHNT.BirminghamImms@nhs.net

Or Customer Services - Telephone freephone - 0800 917 2855

A record of the vaccinations given, or not given, will be stored in your child's local electronic record. This information will be shared with their GP and other NHS bodies.

BCHC's Privacy Notice that explains how we use the data is available on our website:

<https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/about-us/corporate-information/privacy-notices-and-data-protection/patient-privacy-notice/>

Gelatine and Vaccines

The nasal flu vaccine contains a highly processed form of porcine gelatine. This is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

The nasal vaccine is offered to children as it can be more effective than the injected vaccine. It is easier to administer and considered better at reducing the spread of flu to others who may be more vulnerable to the complications of flu.

Your child may need the injectable vaccine if they are at high risk from flu due to medical conditions or treatments and can't have the nasal flu vaccine. In these cases, the injection can be given in the school session.

For those who may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products, an alternative injectable vaccine may be available this year. If you would like your child to receive the injectable flu vaccine, please book an appointment at one of our community clinics using the contact numbers above.

Yours faithfully

School Aged Immunisation Service
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust