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Brading CE (Controlled) Primary School



We are a Team that Trust each other to unlock potential.
Tel: 01983 407217 email – admin@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

News from Brading CE Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs B Gilbert

Our Christian Values: TRUST - TRUTH, RESPECT, UNITY, SINCERITY, TOLERANCE -

This week our focus has been on RESPECT

12th December 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Can you believe we only have five school days left until we beak up for Christmas!

The children have been busy practising their performances this week. It really is beautiful hearing the Christmas cheer fill the school.

For our Charity fundraising day on Monday please can any parent/career wanting to come join the children to make some Christmas decorations for Mountbatten Hospice arrive at the office to be shown to the classrooms for 13.30pm. We are asking for a donation of £1 to be given to the office. All money raised will got to Wessex Cancer Support this term.

Here are the Fun Clubs for after Christmas Break. These will start 12th of January and these will run for 5 weeks. These Fun Clubs are Free of charge and are on a first come first served basis. Please email or pop into the office to book.

Y1,2,3 – Sports Club with Mrs Powell on Mondays
Y4,5,6 – Sports Club with Mrs Powell on Wednesdays
SATS Booster Club with Mr Baker on Tuesdays
KS1 Science with Mrs Attwell on Tuesdays
KS2 Sewing Club with Miss Fuller on Tuesdays
KS1 Cooking Club with Mrs Gardner on Tuesdays (10 spaces only)

Christmas Activities & Celebrations - This year these will all be held on the last week of term. Our celebrations start from 15th of December to 19th December.

Monday – Charity fund raising. The children will be making Christmas decorations for Mountbatten Hospice. We will expect a donation of £1 to join us and take part. This will go towards our charity for this term which is Wessex Cancer Support.

Tuesday – Christmas Lunch for all pupils who wish to have one. There will be no other hot food option for this day. Please provide your child with a packed lunch if preferred.

Wednesday – “It’s a baby” Performance day. We will have 2 sittings at 1pm and 5pm.
Antigua, St Lucia, New Zealand, Galapagos and Jamaica are looking forward to you all joining them.
Cuba & Hawaii’s performance will take place in their classrooms. Parents are welcomed from 1.15pm to join in Christmas activities and to watch their performance.

Thursday – Party Day. We will be providing the children with party food for their school dinner. No other lunch choice will be available on this day. We ask children to come dressed in their jolliest jumper for Jolly Jumper day. We will be asking for £1 per child to come in MUFTI. The money raised will go towards our chosen charity for this term, Wessex Cancer Support

Friday – Christingle Service will be held at the church at 1pm. We will be leaving school at 12.30pm to walk up to the church. The service will be run by members of the Church. Please come and join us as we walk the children up from school. Children can be collected from the church after the service. The children will need to be signed out before they can leave.

Collective worship this week – we have been continuing to focus on Tolerance
Bible Reflection - “God is not partial.”

Don't Forget -

Safety – If your child is not attending their fun club, you will need to let the office know and sign them out. We have reminded all of the children that they should stay with their adult when they leave. Once you have picked up your child from school please make sure that they stay with you. Year 5 & 6 children who leave school without an adult, please remember you are representing the school and to be safe at all times. All roads are dangerous and I don't want any accidents happening, especially as it is getting dark so early now. In addition, can I please remind you about parking sensibly. There are residents who also live along this road and we all should be considerate of this.

Car Parking – The town council have organised with the town trust for any parent/carer to park before and after school in the carpark by St Mary's Church free of charge, to reduce the congestion outside of school and make it safer for everyone. Please pop into the office for your official badge. This will be available from Monday.

Festive Lunches – Please remember to book these in advance via School Money. The kitchen requires enough time to order the ingredients needed. Please can you make sure you have ordered your child's Christmas Lunch (16th Dec) and the Party Food ((18th Dec) options by the 9th of December. Please note there will be no other food options on these days so you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch if a school dinner is not required.

It's a Baby Christmas Performance – Please pop into the office or logon to School Money to purchase. The tickets are £2 per adult or free for any children attending. Two tickets will be available to purchase per family initially, however after numbers attending have been confirmed, spare tickets may become available nearer the time, If you would like any additional tickets please let the office know at the time you purchase your initial tickets. The tickets will be on a first come first served basis, so please book early to avoid disappointment. You will need to keep these tickets for entry on the day. The children have been working really hard to make it extra special for you, it's going to be a really lovely festive event.

Christmas Raffle – A raffle is being held to raise funds for extracurricular resources and activities by the school. This will be drawn on Wednesday 17th December and we have received a number of fantastic prizes from local businesses including Red Funnel, Wightlink, The Yarbridge Inn, Westridge Golf Centre, Busy Bees, Blank Gang Chine and many more. The raffle tickets are £1 per ticket. Please pop into the office if you would like to buy some.

Other reminders –

Absences/Illness - We have seen quite a lot of absences recently. Please make sure if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, Medical appointments or any other reasons, you need to provide the office with a phone call, email or pop into the office (also any supporting letter you may have) on the day of the absence to inform them. Remember to please keep your child off of school for 48 hours after the last episode of Diarrhoea before bringing your child back into school. If we do not hear from you by 9.15am we will ring you. This is part of our duty of care and our safe guarding to ensure everyone is kept safe.

Wrap Around Club – Can I please remind you that all clubs need to be booked at least 24 hours in advance. Obviously, we understand emergencies do happen, but staffing is an area we need to plan for in advance in great detail and we need prior notice for this. If we do not have the correct notice we will be unable to provide this service.

Have a fabulous weekend and remember my door is always open.

Mrs Gilbert
Headteacher

P.S – Please don't forget Mrs Willshire and myself are available from 8.30am everyday if you need to discuss anything. All teaching staff are not available in the mornings but will be available after school only.

Dates for Your Diary

December

15th – Charity Fund Raising Day

16th – Christmas Lunch for Students

17th – Whole School Performance - "it's a Baby" 1PM & 5PM sittings

18th - Christmas Party Day

18th – Jolly Jumper Day for Wessex Cancer Support

19th – Christingle Service at St Marys Church

22nd – Christmas Holidays start

January

5th – First day back at school

Attendance

Whole School Target: **95%**

Class	% Last Week
Antigua	100
St Lucia	97.5
Cuba	62
Hawaii	81.8
New Zealand	83.8
Galapagos	91.7
Jamaica	78.6

Foodbank Vouchers

Mrs Willshire is able to issue Foodbank Vouchers to anyone who may be struggling. Please email Mrs Willshire to request one if required. Jo.willshire@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK

CUBA	This week in Cuba class, the children have really enjoyed making it snow shredded paper. We have enjoyed exploring our Christmas tray of tinsel, snowmen and reindeer's. Some of the children are loving our book area, where they spend lots of time choosing and looking at the pictures in books. We have also enjoyed writing letters and posting them in our post box.
HAWAII	This week in Hawaii Class, we carried out a science investigation about the human skeleton. The children thought about how they can make the test fair and get accurate results. We investigated whether older people have bigger skulls. The children suggested how we could do this and predicted what would happen
ANTIGUA / ST LUCIA	In Antigua this week, we have continued our Christmas topic, we have been very busy and excited. We have wrapped presents and written the labels and stuck them on. We made our very own fireplace and then made stockings to hang on it. We also wrote cards to place on top. This week in EYFS we have been continuing our Christmas topic. We have been doing RE day and been focusing on the nativity story. We had a new baby in the classroom and thought about how we could celebrate its arrival. We then acted out the nativity story and talked about the importance of Christmas.
NEW ZEALAND	This week we have been busy with rehearsals for our Christmas performance. If you have not sent your child's clothes in yet please do so on Monday ready for dress rehearsal. The children have been super excited as the Elf has been creating mayhem and the children have written great diary entries about his antics! In maths, we have been looking at the properties of 3D shapes such as faces, vertices and edges. In music, we used our bodies as percussion instruments and loved the 'click, clap, stamp'! In phonics and guided reading, it has been wonderful to see what great progress the children have made - well done everybody. We look forward to seeing everybody next week for our week of Christmas festivities.
GALAPAGOS	This week Galapagos have been very busy! We had an art day based all around printing, the children made their own printing blocks of poppies to link with our WW2 topic. The children practiced using printing blocks in a variety of ways and then used them to create a final piece. For our final pieces linked our painting and printing skills to create a painting of a poppy field. We have continued to work on our times tables with some children now working up to 12x12! They have all worked incredibly hard throughout our multiplication and division topic and should be really proud of themselves. In Science we created our very own models to represent how our muscles and bones work together to support movement. The children made a model of their humorous, ulna, radius, bicep and tricep and we observed how the muscles contract and relax as we move our arm up and down. Have a great weekend!
JAMAICA	This week in Jamaica class, we have been sounding off our topic and science lessons for the half term. In Topic, we explored the foods that the ancient Mayans ate, and investigated how their foods were sourced. In science, we continued to investigate how to keep our body's healthy, by looking at what things we can avoid to live a healthier lifestyle. On Wednesday, we also had a dance workshop which was delivered by the royal ballet.



Wraparound care prices:

Breakfast Club - £4 (from 7.45am)

Wraparound until 4pm - £6

Wraparound until 5pm - £8

Wraparound until 6pm - £12 (this needs to be agreed with prior notice.

All to be booked via SchoolMoney

Class emails:

antigua.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

cuba.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

stlucia.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

newzealand.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

galapagos.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

jamaica.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

hawaii.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

PE Days:

Cuba - Friday

St Lucia - Wednesday

New Zealand - Wednesday

Galapagos – Thursday/Friday

Jamaica – Tuesday/Thursday

Hawaii – Tuesday

Children are to come in their PE kits on these days.

Coats, Hats and Scarves

Now that the temperature has dropped, can you please ensure children have a warm, waterproof coat in school every day. Children can wear hats and gloves at break and lunch times, but scarves may only be worn to and from school for health and safety reasons. Please make sure all items are named to prevent them from getting lost!

Thank you

Fun Clubs:

Mon – Y1,2&3 Sports Club – spaces available

Tues - KS1/2 Christmas Club – FULL

Tues - KS1 Puzzle Club - spaces available

Wednesday – Y4,5&6 Sports Club – spaces available

Please contact the office to book.

Makaton

As part of our ongoing learning here at Brading Primary School we focus on a Makaton symbol every week.

Here is our next Makaton sign.



Attendance Traffic Light System



90% and below

90 - 95%

96 - 100%

Concern

Drastic affect on academic achievement.

Cause for Concern

We work with our EWS Officer who will conduct home visits when attendance becomes a concern

Excellent attendance!
Keep up the good work.

MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT!

96 – 100% attendance equates to 4- 7 days off each year

90-95 % attendance equates to 9-20 days off each year (50-100 lessons lost)

90% and below equates to 20-30 school days off each year (100-150 lessons lost)

We want our children at Brading CE Primary to enjoy coming to school.

Research proves that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success.

Absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement.

Ensuring children attend school is crucial for the welfare of children and safeguarding their wellbeing.

EVERYDAY MINUTE COUNTS



5 minutes per day

3 school days lost per year



15 minutes per day

10 school days lost per year



25 minutes per day

19 school days lost per year

SCHOOL LUNCH

WHAT'S COOKING?

SCHOOL MENU WEEK COMMENCING: 8th December 2025

We also offer Vegetarian options, tomato pasta as well as jacket potatoes, baguettes and sandwiches with a selection of fillings each day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Christmas Lunch Or Packed lunch from home ONLY	Chicken and Vegetable Korma	Christmas Party Food or Packed lunch ONLY	Fish Fingers Quorn Nuggets
Crunchy Apple Slice		Strawberry Jelly		Oat Cookie

We now have some vegetarian options available each week. These are all available on School Money

Christmas Lunch

MAINS
Roast Turkey
or
Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice (V)

SIDES
Roast Potatoes, Mini Sausage, Stuffing, Carrots, Peas, Sprouts and Gravy

DESSERTS
Vanilla Christmas Shortbread

*Menus may be subject to change

Chartwells

Merry Christmas

PARTY MENU

Ham Baguette
or
Cheese Baguette

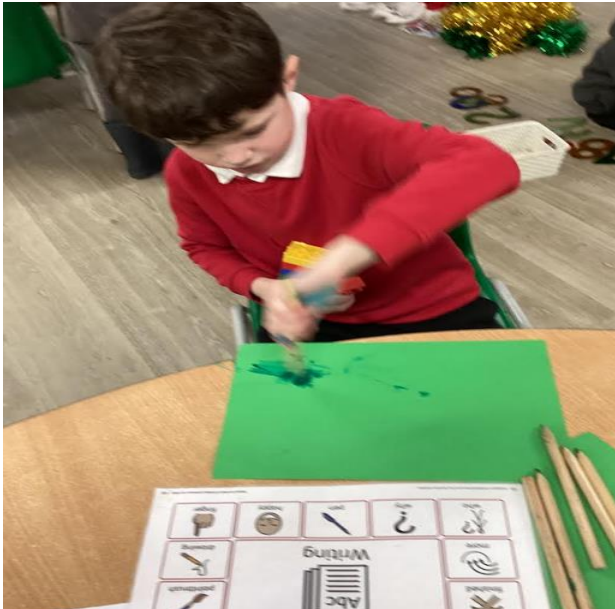
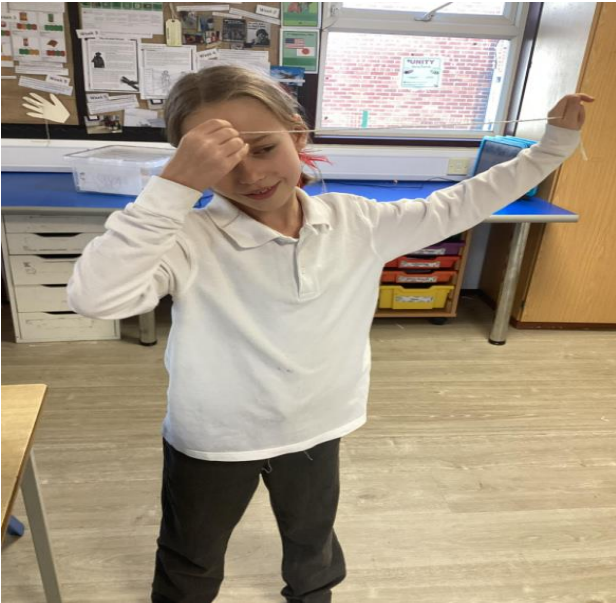
Mini Veggie Sausage Roll
Pizza Finger

Carrot Sticks
Cucumber Sticks

DESSERT

Vanilla Shortbread Slice
Flapjack Bite

This Week in Pictures:





**We are still taking applications for School Starters 2026.
We look forward to meeting all the new faces coming to
look around our wonderful school.**



Brading Church of England Controlled Primary School

A Team That Trust Each Other

Starting School in September 2026?

We are still taking applications!

Please come along and see our fabulous **2-11-Year-old** Primary school in action, our amazing EYFS would love to welcome you for a tour!

Please phone 01983 407217

Or email

admin@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

At Brading, we unlock children's potential, allowing them to reach for the stars!



At Brading, we have our Early Years starting from 2 years, through to 5, offering a bespoke environment to meet the needs of every child. Our main for our Early Years provision: to provide a safe and secure learning environment for the children that is holistic and open to a variety of different learning styles.

This will ensure it is a place where the children can develop emotionally, physically and intellectually as part of a **team that trust.**

We recognise that for any parent or carer, choosing the very best environment is of paramount importance. Therefore, we are delighted to offer an interlinked Early years provision that provides a safe and stimulating environment, so the children can reach their full potential and more!



Our Christian Values

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**Ensuring a 'Brading' child has the skills for their future
and to become a lifelong learner.**





Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing.

As set down by the Department for Education, penalty notices can be issued for unauthorised absence. With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example:

3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. INSET training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

1 First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

2 Second Offence

Within 3 years

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

3 Third Offence

And Any Further Offence (Within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Parenting Puzzle

Are you a parent or carer of a child aged 3-5 years?
Parenting can be challenging... but you don't have to figure it out alone.

Join our **FREE 5-week Parenting Puzzle Programme**, developed by the **Centre for Emotional Health** and based on proven strategies that really work.

Our 5th week includes our Preschool and School Readiness workshop.

This relaxed and supportive course will help you:

- ✓ Understand your child's emotional needs
- ✓ Build stronger communication and connection
- ✓ Manage behaviour positively
- ✓ Reduce stress for the whole family
- ✓ Feel more confident in your parenting



Up coming dates:

Face to face at Ryde Family Hub

Starting 12th January 2026 for 5 consecutive

Mondays, ending 9th February 2026

9.30am until 11.30am

Or

Online via Microsoft Teams

Starting 27th February 2026, for 5 consecutive

Fridays, ending 27th March 2026

9.30am until 11.30am



You don't have to be struggling to benefit – the Parenting Puzzle is packed with strategies and insights that are valuable for **all** parents and carers of children age 3-5 years.

You'll meet other parents and carers, share experiences, and discover practical tools to make family life calmer and happier.

For more information check out our website [Parenting Puzzle & The 10 Week Nurturing Programme : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)



Scan the QR code to Contact us now : [Contact Us : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)



The school nurse will be offering drop-in sessions each term bookable via school.

The slots are for 30 minutes and these are bookable through Mrs Willshire, please

email: jo.willshire@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

Next session:

Date: Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Time: 9am – 11am

Your school nurse can support with the following health concerns:

Physical Health concerns related to school absences: not chronic or persistent absenteeism.

Long term conditions e.g. asthma, eczema, impacting on schooling.

Support for healthy lifestyles - diet and exercise.

Growth concerns

Support around Sleep

Continence i.e. night/daytime wetting, soiling, constipation

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£60m
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£0
extra cost to anyone

Occupational therapy

Parent advice sessions

The NHS Occupational Therapy Team will be running monthly parent advice sessions. These sessions are open to any families which don't have an existing referral.

The sessions will be with an Occupational Therapist and an Assistant.

The team will be able to give advice, signpost to other services / charities and support with completing a full referral to Occupational Therapy if it is felt the needs discussed require a full assessment.

The team will be able to support with advice around:

- Self Care tasks - e.g. washing, dressing, using cutlery, toileting
- Fine motor skill development
- Play skills
- Preschool / school readiness



Session Dates for 2026

(more dates and locations may be added if required):

15 Jan, 19 Feb, 19 March, 16 April, 21 May and 18 June.

Slots will be available at 9am, 10am and 11am.

Appointments will last for 45mins.

To book, contact the department on **01983 534520** or via email to **iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net**

Sessions will take place at the Childrens Therapies Department,
St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight

Consultation Notice – Reduction to Published Admission Number (PAN) September 2027 – 2028

Tuesday 2 December 2025 – Tuesday 13 January 2026 (midnight)

As the admissions authority, and in accordance with 1.45 of the Schools Admissions Code, the local authority is consulting on the 2027 – 2028 Admissions Policies for:

- Community and Controlled Primary Schools on the Isle of Wight
- The Bay CE School

The proposed amendment is to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at the following schools:

- **Greenmount Primary School** – reduction from 60 to 30
- **Haylands Primary School** - reduction from 60 to 30
- **The Bay CE School (primary site)** – reduction from 60 to 45
- **Wroxall Primary School** – reduction from 25 to 20

The number of places available for children to start Reception in September 2027 and all subsequent Reception cohorts will be reduced to the proposed Published Admission Number (PAN) for each of these schools.

The change to the Published Admission Number for the above schools is the only proposed change to the admission arrangements, all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.

The proposed change to the admission arrangements and the admission policies can be viewed online at: www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions-consultation/

Comments on the proposed admissions arrangements should be sent by email to school.admissions@iow.gov.uk entitled 'Primary Admissions Consultation for 2027 – 2028.'

or by post to:
Miss R Adams
Senior Officer (Admissions and Transport)
County Hall
Newport
Isle of Wight
PO30 1UD

by midnight on Tuesday 13 January 2026.

The Nurturing Programme

If you have a child aged 3 to 13 years,
then this programme is for you.



The Nurturing Programme offers strategies to add to your parenting toolkit, giving you positive ways of helping children handle their feelings and behaviour.

**We have 2 new courses starting in January at our
Newport Family Hub**

Wednesdays - 7th January until 18th March

(no session in February half-term)

9:30am till 11:30am

Or

Mondays - 12th January until 23rd March

(no session in February half-term)

9:30am till 11:30am

Please visit our website and complete the contact us form to
register your interest:

www.isleofwightfamilycentres.org.uk/contact-us



For any questions or support booking on, please
email iowfamilycentres@barnardos.org.uk
or call 01983 529208



The Nurturing Programme

If you have a child aged 3 to 13 years,
then this programme is for you.



The Nurturing Programme Workshop offers strategies to add to your parenting toolkit, giving you positive ways of helping children handle their feelings and behaviour. It also highlights what's available in our 10-week programme.

Monday 8th December

12pm till 2pm

Online via Teams



Please visit our Eventbrite page to book your free place:

<https://shorturl.at/Tps5z>

For any questions or support booking on, please
email iowfamilycentres@barnardos.org.uk
or call 01983 529208



School Aged Immunisation Service

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD AGAINST FLU



The School Aged Immunisation Service has been in school for flu vaccinations. If your child missed this but you would like them to receive it, there are community clinics available until the end of December.

Please complete a consent form to book in.

To access the consent form, use the link:

<https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

or this QR code:



Your school code is: **CW118182**

Clinics available are:

Weds 17 th December	East Cowes Medical Centre (next to Waitrose)	13:30 – 16:00
Thurs 18 th December	Ryde Family Hub (at entrance to Co-Op Car Park)	13:30 – 16:00
Mon 22 nd December	West Wight Sports Centre (the Meeting Room)	10.00 - 12.00
Tues 23 rd December	Newport Family Hub (next to Barton Primary School)	09:30 – 11.30

If the clinic does not appear as an option, it is full.

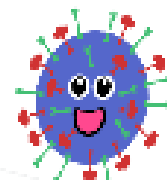
If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated and do not want to receive any further reminders this season, please use the link or QR code and select 'NO' on the consent form so that your child's record can be updated.

If you need any help or advice, please contact the school Aged Immunisation Service.

Email: hiowh.iowimms@nhs.net or Tel: 0300 123 5074



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of flu this



Protect your
family



Scan for our Padlet's
and information

Additional Information and Services



We have created a number of Online Notice Boards, known as Padlet's, full of information and guidance on a range of topics, including:

Best Start in Life

Early Language

Oral health

**Infant Feeding
Support**

**Nutrition and
Healthy Eating**

**Neurodiverse
Information, Resources
and Services**

Toileting

**School
Readiness**

**Health Visitor
Drop-in Clinics**