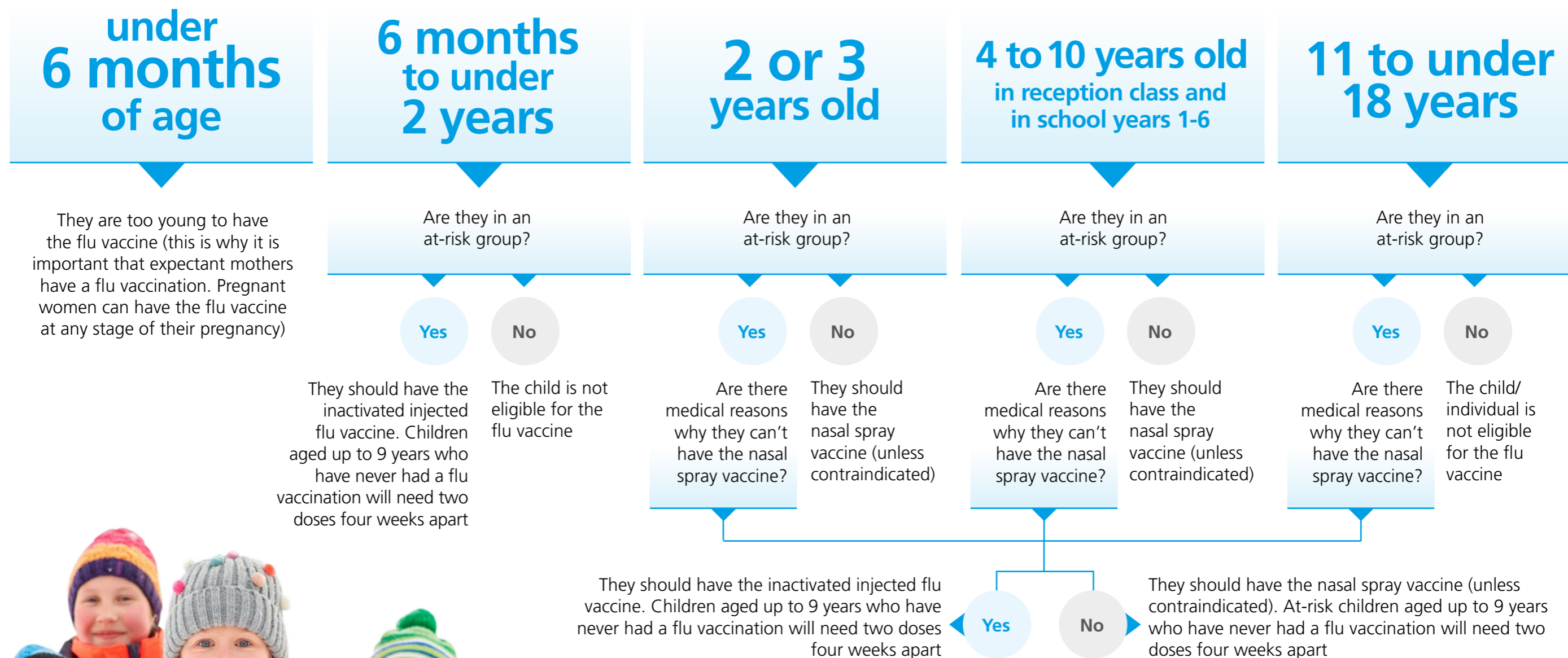


Which flu vaccine should children have?

There are two types of flu vaccine available for children in 2019/20 – the ‘live’ nasal spray vaccine and the inactivated injected flu vaccine. This chart indicates which vaccine children should have.

What is the child’s age?



Notes.

- **Those aged two and three years old on 31 August 2019 (but not four years old)** are eligible for flu vaccination in general practice.
- **All primary school aged children (those aged 4 to 10 years old on 31 August 2019)** are eligible for flu vaccination in school.
- **At-risk children** include those who have long-term health conditions such as asthma and other respiratory diseases, liver, kidney

and neurological conditions including learning disabilities, even if well managed.

- **The nasal spray vaccine** is a ‘live’ vaccine but the viruses in it have been weakened so they cannot cause flu. It is not suitable for all children including those who are severely immunocompromised, or are on salicylate therapy.

Specialist advice should be sought for children who have needed intensive care due to

asthma or egg allergic anaphylaxis, or have been taking regular oral steroids for asthma.

Children who are wheezy at the time of vaccination or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours, should be offered a suitable injected flu vaccine to avoid a delay in protection.

- **See the Green Book Chapter 19 Influenza for details:** www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19

