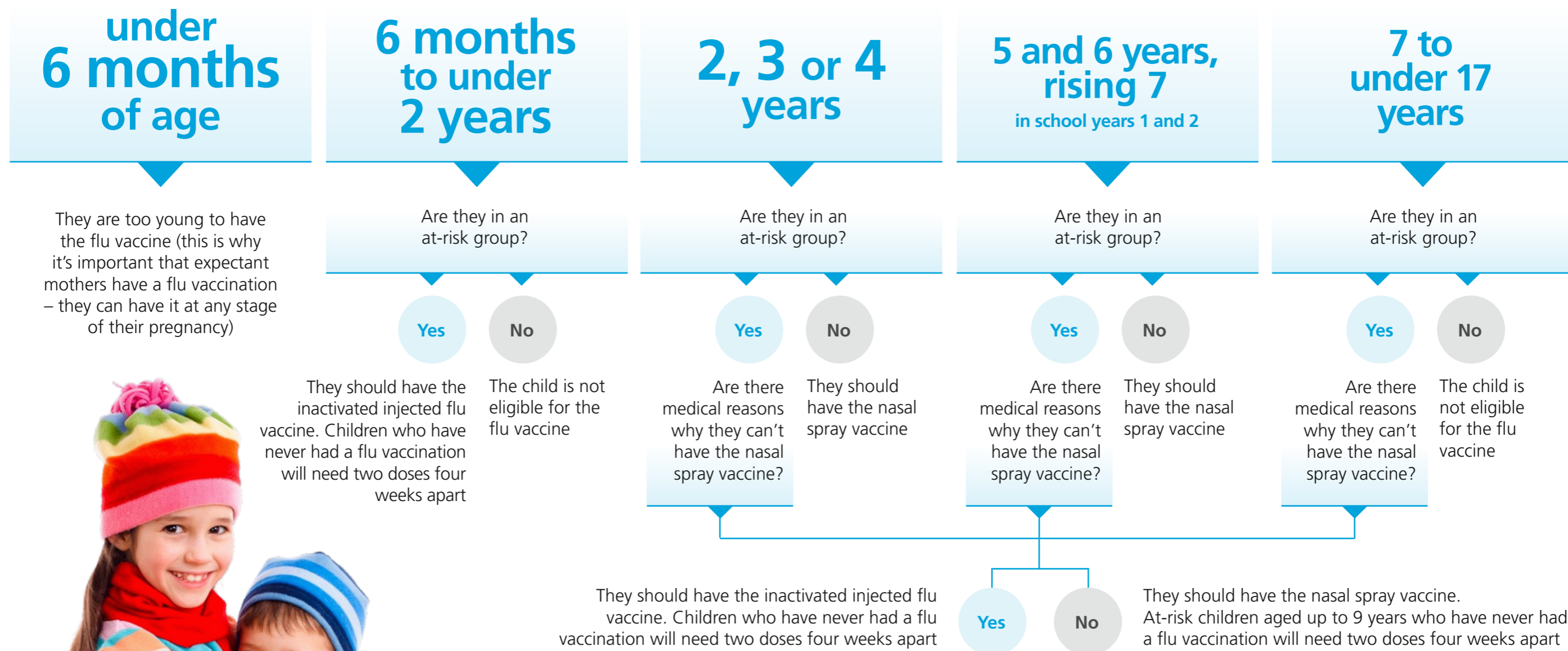


Which flu vaccine should children have?

There are two types of flu vaccine available for children in 2015/16 – the ‘live’ nasal spray vaccine and the inactivated injected flu vaccine. This chart indicates which vaccine children should get.

What is the child’s age?



Notes.

- **Those aged two, three or four years old** on 31 August 2015 (but not five years) are eligible for flu vaccination.
- **Children of school years 1 and 2 age** (i.e. those aged five and six on 31 August 2015, rising to seven years old) are eligible for flu vaccination.
- **At-risk children** include those who have a 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 can not cause flu. It is not suitable for all children, including those who are severely asthmatic or immunocompromised, or are on salicylate therapy. Children with egg allergy can have the nasal vaccine. However, parents whose children have a history of severe egg allergy should seek specialist advice. There is no suitable alternative flu vaccine available for otherwise healthy children.
- **The vaccine will continue to be offered** to primary school-aged children in areas that previously participated in pilots in 2014/15.