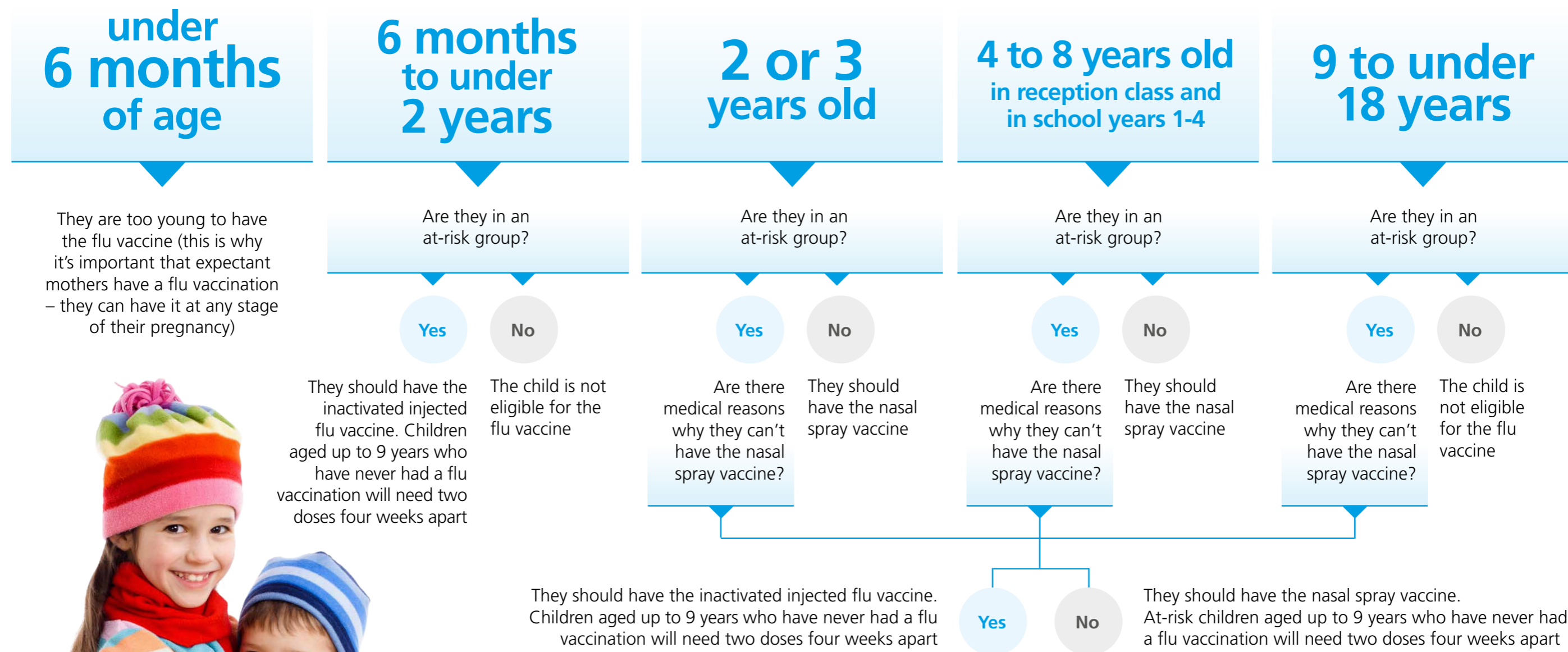


Which flu vaccine should children have?

There are two types of flu vaccine available for children in 2017/18 – 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 and three years old on 31 August 2017 (but not four years)** are eligible for flu vaccination in general practice.
- **Children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3 and 4 (those aged 4-8 on 31 August 2017)** are eligible for flu vaccination in school.
- **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 with anaphylaxis should seek specialist advice.
- **The vaccine will continue to be offered** to all primary school-aged children in former pilot areas.