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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Your child's annual flu vaccination will be given in school in the Autumn Term 2018

Children in reception and years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are being offered a flu vaccination in school. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

You will be receiving a leaflet and consent form. **Please complete the consent form (one for each child) and return it to school by Friday 21st September 2018 at the latest, to ensure your child receives their vaccination in school.**

There will be a poster on display in your schools reception area to inform you of the date of the session in your school. This date will also be available in your school newsletter.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year.

The leaflet contains some commonly asked questions about flu and the vaccination, including details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation team on 0300 123 4607

Yours sincerely,

School Health Immunisation Team

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, please contact the Immunisation team on 0300 123 4607.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please return the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu



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