

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Flu vaccination for children in Years 1 and 2

From October 2015 all children in years 1 and 2 will be offered flu vaccination through a nasal spray. This extension of the national flu immunisation programme to children is part of a phased introduction, based on the advice of independent experts.

Your child will be offered a flu vaccine that is given as a simple spray up the nose. It is painless, very quick, and serious side effects are uncommon. This vaccination programme is designed to protect your child against flu which can be an unpleasant illness and, although rarely, sometimes cause serious complications. By having the flu vaccination, children are also less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family. This will help to protect those who are at greater risk from flu including infants, older people and those with an underlying health condition. The flu vaccine provides protection against the strains that are predicted to circulate in the coming season. These strains may change from year to year which is why we recommend vaccination every year.

We plan to offer a parent information session on Wednesday 21st October, 2015 at 8.45am. The Session will take approx. 30 mins, this will include written information and consent form which will need to be returned to school the following week. If you are unable to attend the information session, a consent form will be sent home. No parents will be able to attend the vaccination session in school but will be able to make an appointment in clinic if they wish to be present during the vaccination.

Vaccination date for both Year 1 & 2 will be Tuesday 17th November 2015 10.00am. Please fill in the enclosed reply slip if you wish to attend the information session.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Crawshaw
Headteacher

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I will / will not be attending the Influenza information session on Wednesday 21st October at 8.45am

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature: Date: