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Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due

This vaccination programme is in place 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.

This year all children in Reception and school years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be offered the vaccine.

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.

Information about the nasal flu vaccine is provided in the attached document from Public Health England. *Protecting your child against flu*; [Information for parents Protecting your child against flu](#)

Please go to this website <https://forms.hct.nhs.uk/form1> and complete the consent form.

You will need this unique code number **EE117171** which identifies your child's school.

LATE RETURN OF CONSENT FORMS

We will not be able to vaccinate children at the school sessions if the forms are submitted after the 29th September 2017. Your child will still be offered an opportunity to be vaccinated at a catch up clinic.

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

If you have any queries, please contact the Immunisation Team on 01727 734026.

Asthma

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, please contact the school nursing immunising team on the above number. It will be necessary to delay vaccination until the wheezing has stopped.

Consent withdrawal

If for any reason you decide to withdraw consent after submitting the consent form, please contact the school nursing immunisation team on 01727 734026 and also inform your child's school.

For more information about the children's flu vaccine please visit the NHS Choices website.

Yours faithfully



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