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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due.**

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 family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

**Please complete the enclosed consent form** (one for each child) and return to the school within 1 week to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

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.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme is enclosed and includes 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 Community Immunisation Team on the above number.

**If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, or they have received this vaccination at the GP practice since completing the consent form please contact the Community Immunisation Team on the above number.**

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](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)**

Yours sincerely

**Community Immunisation Team**

**It is recommended that all children should have 2 doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella). Please check with your GP surgery if you are unsure your child has had both doses and arrange an appointment if this is required.**