

School Age Immunisation Team

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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 and this year is being offered to all children in primary school as well as those in school year 7. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year or they won't be protected.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be found at this link https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907433/Protecting_Child_Against_Flu_DL_leaflet_2020.pdf and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

We are due to immunise at your child's school on 23rd October 2020. This year our consent process is electronic. In order to access the online consent form, please click on the following link <https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

You will need to enter the unique code for your child's school. The code is

CL137075

Please submit your form well before our team are due to visit the school to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone your local team on the number provided above and the team

will be happy to help. On line consent will **close by 12pm the day before our visit** so you will be unable to complete the form after this time. Please contact the team after this time.

While COVID-19 is in circulation, the healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to ensure children are safe when being offered the vaccine.

If you have any queries, please contact your local team on the number provided at the top of the page.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Adele Edwards

Lead Nurse School Age Immunisation

If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you return this form, please contact the healthcare team.

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