

16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parent / Guardian,

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

Children in foundation 2 and years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 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 have received a leaflet and consent form. **Please complete the consent form (one for each child) and return it to school within 1 week of receipt of this letter, 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.

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.

**The vaccination session for your school will be on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019.**

If you have any queries please contact the Healthcare team on 0151 514 2510

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 Healthcare team on 0151 514 2510.**

**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)

