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Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Childhood Nasal Flu Programme Reception to Year 6

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. It is important that you consent or decline the flu vaccination via either a paper or online consent form. A failure to do this will result in further contact from the Immunisation Team to ensure that you have received the offer of vaccination.

In response to COVID-19 please be reassured protection measures will be in place. All Immunisation Staff will be in full PPE kit which will include face mask, face shield, apron and gloves. All staff will maintain social distancing as far as possible and in line with Government policy and procedures and also our Trust policy and procedures.

Is your child asthmatic?

If so, we require you to complete a paper consent form. This is due to recent changes to the assessment criteria for those children with asthma which we are unable to update on our online system this year. This will ensure full medical information is shared with the Immunisation Team, which will allow your child to be safely vaccinated on the day.

Why vaccinate

This vaccination will help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccination 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.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

A leaflet explaining the programme is enclosed.

Giving consent

Where possible please could we ask that parents/carers use our preferred online option **(one per child)**. You can access the online form using the link below or by scanning the QR code at the top of the previous page. A paper consent form is included in this pack should you prefer to complete this instead of submitting online.

If opting to consent via the **paper consent form please return it to school within one week.**

<https://immsconsentforms.glos-care.nhs.uk/GCSFluVac/FluConsent>

On successfully completing your online consent form, you will receive an email confirmation with your unique identifier, please keep safe.

When consenting **online please complete as soon as possible** to aid with our administration and planning process. **The online system closes two working days prior to your child's school based session.** After this time a paper consent will need to be completed and returned to school. Your school session date will be advertised on the school website.

Getting the vaccine sooner

If your school's scheduled date is late within the autumn term and you wish to vaccinate your child earlier, please contact the team and book your child into one of our community clinics.

Need more information?

If you have any queries or would like any further information please contact the Immunisation team on **0300 421 8140**.

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.

Yours sincerely



Caroline Halford
Head of School Aged Immunisations

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, please contact the healthcare team on 0300 421 8140. For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu