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2017/18 Flu programme

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.

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

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose.

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. For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu and www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/schoolnursing

Last year, most children offered the vaccine in schools had the immunisation. 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.

If your child becomes wheezy, has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, or you have any other questions, please contact your local School Nurse Team on the above number.

Yours faithfully,

School Nursing Team

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