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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Flu vaccination for children in primary schools around the country

This year children in years 1, 2 and 3 are being offered a flu vaccination in school. This offer was introduced for the first time in schools last year and was taken up by a large majority of Parents/Carers.

You will find enclosed a leaflet and consent form. Please complete consent form (one for each child) and return it to the school office by Wednesday 5th October. Please note if the consent form is returned late your child may not be able to have the vaccine.

The leaflet contains some commonly asked questions about flu and the vaccination, including details about the small number of children for whom the nasal spray is not appropriate.

(If your child is wheezy or has had their asthma medication increased after you have returned the consent form, please contact the healthcare team on 0151 514 2510 before the day of the vaccination session.

Your child will be offered a flu vaccine that is given as a simple spray up the nose. It is painless, very quick, and serious side effects are uncommon. This vaccination programme is designed to protect your child against flu which can be an unpleasant illness and, although rarely, sometimes cause serious complications. Also, by having the flu vaccination, children are less likely to pass the virus onto friends and family, some of whom may be at greater risk from flu if they are, say, an infant, an older person or someone with an underlying health condition.

The vaccination session for our school will be on Thursday 1st December in the afternoon.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Callaway
Headteacher

Please remember to return the consent form even if you DO NOT consent to the vaccination for your child, including explaining the reason for your decision. This will help us in the development of the flu vaccination programme in the future.

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