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2022/23 Flu programme

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, and painless spray up the nose. It is administered in school by the School Age Immunisation Service.

This vaccination is recommended annually to help protect your child against the flu virus. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu. There may be an increase in flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

We are due to visit your child's school on **Thursday 17th November 2022**

The unique code for your child's school is **SH116390** Submit a consent form by **Monday 14th November** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form, telephone **01252 335142** and the team will be happy to help.

If you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please submit the 'no consent' form giving the reason. This will help us plan and enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

Click on the following link to access the online consent form:

<https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>

For the 2022-23 season the programme is initially being offered to all children in Year R– Year 6. Children with Complex needs in special schools will be offered the vaccine up to the age of 18.

For further information about the vaccination programme and details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu;

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the 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 your local Immunisation Team.

Yours faithfully,

School Age Immunisation Service