

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Did your child miss the annual flu vaccination in school?**

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.

We offer catch up clinic appointments in the community for any child who has missed their vaccination in school. Please call our office on 01895 485740 to make an appointment.

We have provided consent forms for this vaccination. Please complete a consent and bring along to your clinic appointment.

**If you have any questions please contact the immunisations team on 01895 485740**

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. As flu viruses change each year, a new vaccine has to be given each year to protect your child.

More information is available at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/) and includes answers to common questions and details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of purified porcine gelatine as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available.

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

**If you have any queries please contact the immunisations team on 01895 485740**

Yours sincerely,

Immunisations Team

**If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, please contact the immunisations team on 01895 485740**

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)**

**CNWL share your clinical information with other healthcare professionals involved in your care, to support better informed clinical treatment and help reduce clinical risk. A patient information leaflet is available on request from services and further details can be found on the Trust website**

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