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 at least 3 working days prior to the date of your school flu vaccination session to ensure your child receives their vaccination. Please be aware that if the form is not completed correctly, this may result in your child not receiving the vaccination on the day.

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 will be emailed to you and will be available on the school website. It includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

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

If you have any queries, please contact the immunisation team on 01895 485740.

Yours sincerely,

Immunisation Team

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, please contact the healthcare 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