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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Yearly Flu vaccination for children in primary school (Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 & 4)**

All children in the eligible year groups will be offered the flu vaccination which will be given in school during the autumn term. This is not routinely available at your doctor's surgery.

Your child is being 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 service will be delivered by a dedicated team of nurses who will attend the school. This vaccination programme is designed to protect your child against flu which can be an unpleasant illness and, although rare, flu can 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 might be at greater risk from flu, for example, if they are an infant, an older person or someone with an underlying health condition.

Accompanying this letter is a consent form and information leaflet about the vaccination. Further information is available on the website at [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

In order to keep an accurate record that the vaccination has been offered to your child, **please complete a consent form regardless of your decision to accept or decline the offer.** Then return the completed form to CityCare Immunisation Team **as soon as possible** in the Free Post envelope provided.

Please see the enclosed schedule to check what date the CityCare Immunisation team are due to visit your child's school, although this **could be subject to change**. If the consent form is returned after this date, your child might not be able to receive the vaccine.

**If your child is wheezy or has had their asthma medication changed after you have returned the consent form, or if there are any other changes please contact the CityCare Immunisation Team before the day of the vaccination session. A second dose might be required if your child is asthmatic and has never had a flu vaccination before.**

Please note that the consent form will be visible to your child, therefore if you have sensitive or confidential information you wish to disclose, please contact a member of the CityCare Immunisation Team directly.

If you have any questions you can contact the CityCare Immunisation Team on the number above, or contact the School Nurse, GP or Practice Nurse for further information.

Yours faithfully



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