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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Flu Vaccination for Children**

From October 2021 your child will be offered the flu vaccination through a nasal spray. The national flu immunisation programme is based on the advice of independent experts.

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.

Please use the following link to a leaflet which gives further information and answers to some commonly asked questions.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>

You may be aware that the nasal flu vaccine contains gelatine derived from pigs (porcine). Gelatine is commonly used in a range of pharmaceutical products. You may require further information before making a decision about whether or not you are happy for your child to receive this vaccine.

Please complete the enclosed consent form indicating your decision regarding vaccination and return it to school within 1 week of receipt of this letter,

If your child is absent on the day of our visit we will be returning to the school to catch up any absentees.

**If, after completing and returning this consent form to school , your child receives the flu vaccination at your GP surgery, please inform the Immunisation Team immediately on 01484 728 956.**

**If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased following completion of the consent form, please inform the Immunisation Team on 01484 728 956.**

Useful websites for information about childhood immunisations are [immunisation.cht.nhs.uk](https://immunisation.cht.nhs.uk) , [www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations](https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations)

Thank you for your co-operation.

The Immunisation Team