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Seasonal childhood flu immunisation programme 2021/2022

Dear Parent/Carer

This year the School Nursing Team are pleased to offer the child seasonal flu vaccine to children in school years 7- 11.

The vaccine is recommended 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 other vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of the flu virus. With Covid – 19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the numbers of those becoming ill this winter. The vaccine is given as a 0.1mls of liquid into each nostril, so there are no needles and it is a safe method of delivery for most children.

The School Nursing Team will be visiting schools in the autumn term where your child will be able to receive the vaccine. An electronic consent form is attached for you to complete and submit. You only need to complete the form if you want your child to receive the vaccine. Alternatively there are also hard copy consent forms available at your child's school reception. We would ask that you submit your consent form no later than **Friday 17/09/21**.

Link to consent form: www.gov.im/flu-immunisation-consent-form

If you need to contact the School Nursing Team prior to your child's vaccination please ring
Tel: 686709.

Information about the vaccine programme can be found on www.gov.im/childhoodflu

Yours sincerely

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