September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's nasal flu immunisation is now due

This immunisation is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Immunising your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

If your child suffers from a medical condition such as asthma, or is considered to be in a clinical 'at risk' group, it may be possible to access this immunisation at an earlier date through your GP surgery.

The immunisation is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Your child needs the influenza vaccine **every** year to protect against the influenza viruses most likely to be circulating and cause illness this winter.

A leaflet explaining the immunisation programme is enclosed and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The nasal flu vaccine contains porcine gelatine, there is no suitable alternative flu vaccine for otherwise healthy children: **For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu**

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

Please complete the enclosed consent form (one for each child) and return to the school within 7 days to ensure your child receives their immunisation.

If you have any queries please contact the healthcare team on your nearest child health telephone number below.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Mulligan
Clinical Service Manager for Immunisations

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, please contact the local immunisation team on the phone number below.

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Ewell, Epsom
Surrey KT19 0DZ
Tel: 020 8394 8153

Surrey East Immunisation Team
Forum House
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Goldsworth Park Health Centre
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Woking
Surrey GU21 3LQ
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