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Dear Parents/Carers

Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 5 pupils

This year's **Nasal Flu Vaccinations** will take place throughout the course of the day on the **17th October 2018**.

If you wish for your child to receive their vaccination on the above date, please ensure you return the consent form received with this letter, no later than **Wednesday 12th September**.

Please note that vaccinations cannot be administered without a complete consent form. Should you wish to withdraw consent after it has been provided, you can do so by completing a form at the school office.

You will find further information regarding the vaccination programme on the reverse of this letter.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'S. Lawler-Smith'.

Mr S. Lawler-Smith
Head Teacher

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*To go further than we thought possible
To run faster than we hoped
To reach higher than we dreamed
To be the best that we can be*



Purpose

The aim is to protect children and also the people around them, particularly those at risk of complications that can occur through flu. If children get flu they can remain infectious for longer than adults (up to 2 weeks), and they are also more likely to pass on the infection.

Flu can kill

In the UK an average of 600 people a year die from complications of flu.

What is flu?

FLU is a viral infection and a potential serious disease. It affects the lungs and airways. Symptoms appear quickly and can include headache, fever, cough, sore throat, aching muscles and joints.

Eligibility

All children in reception class up to year 5 will be included in the flu vaccination programme 2018 in the UK.

NASAL FLU PROGRAMME FACTS

Development

Over time the flu virus develops and mutates, so each year the Nasal flu spray is developed with new strains so the vaccine will still be effective and also minimize the severity of the flu virus.

Pilot Programmes

In pilot programmes it has been shown that by vaccinating all primary school children it had a significant effect on the local health economy, providing compelling evidence showing the value of a comprehensive child flu immunisation programme.

No needles

The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril.