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Dear Parent/Guardian

SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE NASAL FLU VACCINATION

As the autumn begins, COVID 19 and flu are likely to be in circulation at the same time, therefore as in previous years, it is even more important than ever that we continue to do all we can to protect against flu. We are delivering the flu immunisation programme on behalf of NHS England. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

In 2021/22 **all secondary school-age children in years 7 to 11 will be eligible (excluding those age 16 or over on 31st August 2021)** The vaccination is free and recommended for children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray of mist up the nose. Please click on the link or enter www.nhs.uk/child-flu to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

We are due to visit your child's school on **Wednesday 19 January**. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> **PLEASE ENSURE YOU QUOTE THE FULL CODE. The code for your school is EE143981**

Please submit your consent by **midday Monday 17 January** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please **telephone 01872 221105** and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years **you must opt in** to the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child might not be vaccinated.

- **Important: Your child can self-consent to treatment if they are considered competent to do so by one of our nurses; this is known as Gillick competency. If you require any further information in this regard, please contact us or go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>**

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you submit this form, please contact Kernow Health on 01872 221105.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, it will help us if you still complete and submit the form giving the reason. This will assist us in planning and developing the service. Please tell us if you need this information in a different format.

Yours faithfully

Dr Jonathan Katz, **Medical Director**

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