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Dear Parent/Carer

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Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu, which can be an 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.

The online consent can be accessed via any online device. Please click on the following link <u>https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu</u> which will direct you to an online consent form for you to complete.

We will be visiting your child's school on 23/10/2019 so please complete the consent form in full no later than 18/10/2019 and use the following school code: EE144747

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children. It will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Here is a link to a leaflet explaining the vaccination programme which includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate: <u>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/714954/</u> <u>PHE_Protecting_Child_Flu_DL_leaflet.pdf</u>

In the rare event that you do not have access to the internet a paper copy may be completed, these are available from the school and should be returned to your child's school matron.

If you require further information regarding the vaccines we offer please go to our Immunisation website which has full details of our service: http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/School-nursing/immunisations.htm

If you have any queries regarding the online consenting or the Flu vaccine please contact the Buckinghamshire Immunisation Team on 01296 567860.

Yours sincerely,

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Samantha Smissen – Immunisation Team Lead

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you have completed the on-line form, please contact the immunisation team on 01296 567860. If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu