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Dear Parents and Carers

Flu vaccinations for children in Years Reception to Year 5.

Please see the attached letter and consent from Vaccination UK who will be coming to school on Thursday 21 November to carry out flu vaccinations for children in Years Reception to Year 5.

Please note. The nasal vaccine contains a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

The nasal vaccine provides the best protection against flu, particularly in young children. It also reduces the risk to, for example, a baby brother or sister who is too young to be vaccinated, as well as other family members (for example, grandparents) who may be more vulnerable to the complications of flu. The injected vaccine is not thought to reduce spread so effectively and so is not being offered to healthy children as part of this programme.

However, if your child is at high risk from flu due to one or more medical conditions or treatments and can't have the nasal flu vaccine they should have the flu vaccine by injection.

Please see

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/431953/9312_PHE_Protecting_Child_Flu_DL_10_web.pdf for more information.

If you would like your child to receive the vaccination please return the consent form by Friday 26 October.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

