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Dear Parents

**Flu Vaccination Programme: Reception-Year 7 – 3 December 2020**

The flu vaccination programme in schools will be going ahead in the Autumn Term. It is likely that flu and COVID-19 will both be circulating at the same time which means that it is more important than ever this year to help protect against flu.

As well as all primary school aged children being offered the flu vaccine, this coming season the Government is extending the programme to Year 7 pupils.

The main purpose of the school-aged annual flu vaccination programme is to reduce transmission in the community. Children can pass flu on to others in their immediate family and wider community, many of whom may be at higher risk from the complications of flu. The flu vaccination will not protect against COVID-19 but is important in protecting the general health of the population, particularly those at high risk from COVID-19.

All children whose parents agree for them to have the vaccine, which is given by way of a nasal spray, also benefit from the protection it provides to them as individuals. It helps to contribute to a healthy school environment and reduces pupil absences. The flu vaccine will take place in school on 3 December 2020.

If you have any queries please email Helen Harvey (Interim Clinical Lead – Childhood Immunisations) and the immunisation team at [hdfc.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:hdfc.immunisationteam@nhs.net)

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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