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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. A leaflet explaining the programme is enclosed.

Where possible please could we ask that parents/carers use our preferred online option. In order for your child to receive their vaccination please complete the online consent form (**one per child**) so that your child can be given the vaccine in school by accessing the following link:

<https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/consentforms>

On successfully completing your online consent form, you will receive an email confirmation.

When **consenting online please complete as soon as possible** to aid with our administration and planning process. If consenting **less than 24 hours prior** to the session date, a paper consent will need to be completed and can be downloaded from the online consent link and brought into the school by your child on the day of the vaccination session. Your school session date will be advertised on the school website.

If you do not have access to the internet, paper consent forms can be accessed via your school receptionist. If opting to consent via the **paper consent form please return it to school within one week**

If your school's scheduled date is late within the autumn term and you wish to vaccinate your child earlier, please contact the team and book your child into one of our community clinics.

The vaccination is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

If you have any queries or would like any further information please contact the Immunisation team on **0300 421 8140**. If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please return the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

Yours sincerely



Caroline Halford
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If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, please contact the healthcare team on 0300 421 8140. For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu