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Dear Parent/Guardian

Please visit this online form to consent electronically for your child to receive their flu vaccine in school this autumn. Children in reception, year 1,2,3 and 4 are being offered the flu vaccine this year.

<https://www.hdfn.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/>

This vaccination programme is in place 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 friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

Please complete the online form (one for each child) by the end of September 2017. Please ensure you read and understand all the information before you complete the online form. Please visit <https://www.hdfn.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/> for more information about the flu vaccination.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please go to the website shown above which includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. Please ensure you read the leaflet that is enclosed before completing the online consent form. If you have any queries please contact the childhood Immunisation team on the above number or email address.

Last year, most children offered the vaccine in schools had the immunisation.

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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lois Alderson'.

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