

Dear Parent/Carer

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Flu vaccination programme**

In line with NHS England and Public Health England requirements, the nasal flu programme has been extended to include children in school from Reception up to, and including, Year 13 in SEND Schools.

As children, young people and families mix and contact has returned to levels that existed before the pandemic, it is expected that this winter 2022/2023 flu will be circulating alongside other respiratory viruses and COVID-19. It is therefore more important than ever to protect those at risk, prevent ill-health and minimise further impact on the NHS and social care.

The Hertfordshire and East Anglia School Aged Immunisation Service will be delivering the flu programme in schools from October 2022 through to mid December 2022. The vaccination is free and is available in two forms. A Nasal Spray which is given as a quick, painless spray up the nose or If you'd prefer your child to have the non-porcine (pork) flu vaccination, which is delivered as an injection, you can select this option when completing the on-line consent form via the link below.

#### **You must complete the on-line form to accept or decline this vaccination**

**Please note the form will not work on some mobile phones and tablets. For alternative consent options please telephone 0300 555 5055**

Please click on this link [Immunisation Form](#) and complete the form.

You will need this unique code number **EE117669** which identifies your child's school.

**The electronic link will close at 2:00:00 PM on Monday, November 7, 2022**

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For further information about vaccines, click [here](#).

Further information is available from here [Flu Leaflet](#)

Patient Information Leaflets for both available vaccines are here: [Nasal Flu Spray](#) or [Flu Injection](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team on the above number if you have any questions about the flu immunisation.

Yours sincerely,

**Community and School Aged Immunisations Service**