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Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 7 School Based Flu Vaccination Programme – Thursday 8 October 2020

I would like to inform you that today your child will be bringing home an envelope containing a consent form from The Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust Immunisation Team regarding the upcoming flu vaccination programme. **The vaccination will be carried out in school on Thursday 8 October 2020.**

This year the flu programme has been extended to include Year 7 children, which will protect children and the wider population from flu. This, in turn, will help to ensure schools are minimally affected by circulating flu and will also reduce pressure on health services which will be needed to support the ongoing Covid-19 response. **Please click on the information link below that the Immunisation Team have asked us to send with this letter. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Immunisation Team directly and not the school.**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/907433/Protecting\\_Child\\_Against\\_Flu\\_DL\\_leaflet\\_2020.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907433/Protecting_Child_Against_Flu_DL_leaflet_2020.pdf)

If your child does not hand this envelope over to you willingly please ask them for it. Previous experience has proven that many of them will be reluctant to hand over any documentation that results in any kind of vaccination. Though please be assured this particular vaccination will be administered by a nasal spray and no needles are involved.

The envelope contains a consent form, which we would ask you to complete and return to the school **by Tuesday 15 September**, marked FAO Mrs L Pryor. I sincerely apologise for the short turnaround. The forms were only made available to me this morning and they will be collected by the Immunisation Team on Wednesday 16 September 2020.

**Please sign and return the form even if you do not wish your child to be included in the programme.**

Thank you in anticipation of your help in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Pryor  
Medical Welfare Officer

