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LETTER FOR YOUR
INFORMATION

Dear Parent/Guardian

Influenza Vaccination for Children

From October 2018 Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust, Immunisation Service will offer the Influenza nasal spray vaccination to all children, in year groups Reception up to and including Year 5 in primary schools across Brighton & Hove, East Sussex and West Sussex.

Your child will be offered the Influenza vaccine that is given as a simple spray up the nose. It is painless, very quick, and has minimal reported side effects. This vaccination programme is designed to protect your child against Influenza which can be an unpleasant illness. By your child having the Influenza vaccination, they will also help to protect those who are at greater risk from Influenza including infants, older people and those with an underlying health condition.

Please complete the attached form; in capitals; stating whether or not you are consenting to your child receiving the Influenza vaccination. Please put each child's name and date of birth clearly, (one form for each child, please). Detach and return the form to their school within **7 days** of receipt of this letter. If your child's form is returned less than a week prior to the vaccination session we may not be able to vaccinate your child on the day, they will be given information on available Catch Up Clinics. If you wish your child's consent form to be confidential please return to school in an envelope.

Should you change your mind after you have returned the consent form, please put this in writing stating student's name, date of birth, school name and the change you wish to make. Give this to the school reception marked 'Urgent for the attention of the Immunisation Service'.

If you do not want your child to have this vaccination, we would be grateful if you could return the consent form to school giving your reasons for declining. This will help us in the development of the Influenza vaccination programme in the future.

If your child has Asthma, please ensure you read the section below.

If your child's asthma has worsened that:

- **Up to 14 days before vaccination they have required oral steroids or increased inhaled steroids**
- **Up to 3 days before vaccination your child has become wheezy**

Please inform the Immunisation Service by letter, including your child's name, address and date of birth, and give it to the school on the day of vaccination. Vaccination will be deferred in the above cases.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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