

30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child's annual nasal flu vaccination is now due Kernow Health's School Age Immunisation Service is delivering the nasal flu immunisation programme in Cornwall and Devon's schools on behalf of NHS England & Improvement. Flu can be a very 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. In 2024/25 all children in Primary Schools from Reception to year 6 (inclusive) will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose.

Please enter [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu) to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The patient information leaflet is also in the attached link: FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine (live attenuated, nasal) ([medicines.org.uk](http://medicines.org.uk)) We are due to visit your child's school on 28th November 2024.

In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: DV144074 Please submit your consent form by midday on 25th November 2024 to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools and 01392 342678 for Devon schools and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years you must opt into the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated. If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you submit this form, please contact us on the numbers above. If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, it will help us if you still complete and submit the consent form giving the reason. This will help us to plan and develop the service. Please tell us if you need this information in a different format.

Yours faithfully Dr Paul Cook Chief Medical Officer Kernow Health



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