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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please note the Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school to administer the nasal flu vaccine on **11/12/2018**.

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.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme is attached and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. [Protecting your child against flu leaflet](#)

Last year, most children offered the vaccine in schools had the immunisation. Please note that the flu vaccine contains products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine) there is no suitable alternative for otherwise healthy children.

The consent form can be accessed through the link;

<https://awi.croydonhealth.nhs.uk/CroydonHealthServices/ChildFluVaccinationForm>

**Your school's unique code is 134254**

The consent form should be fully completed online by **07/12/2018** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. Any consent forms received after this date will not be triaged by a nurse. **If you need to change your consent, please give your child's details and reason why to your school as soon as possible (no later than 8:30am on the day of vaccination), otherwise the vaccine may be given to your child.** If you do not have access to the internet please contact the Immunisation Team or let your school know you are having difficulties.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, **please complete the digital consent form** giving the reason, as this will help us plan and improve the service. For further information see: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu).

Please be aware that the consent form should be signed by the person with parental responsibility for the child (usually the mother). For Looked After Children, or foster children, the consent form must be completed by the Social Worker. If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team on **020 8274 6453** or email [ch-tr.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:ch-tr.immunisationteam@nhs.net)

Yours sincerely

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