

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's annual flu vaccination is due to be given next term.

This vaccination is recommended 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 family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Please click on the following link to complete the online consent form for your child(ren): <u>https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/</u>

You will need to enter the following code to ensure the completed form can be correctly allocated to your child's school: EE143257

The vaccination date allocated to your school is ^{7th} October however; all schools will be visited for a second time prior to the end of term in December.

The vaccination is free and for most children is a quick and simple spray up the nose. For people aged 18 and above, this will be an injection. This vaccine is a yearly vaccine. All vaccinated children will be given a sticker or an ink stamp on their hand.

For further information please follow this link to the School Aged Immunisation Service Flu page <u>https://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/our-</u><u>services/childrens-services/immunisations/seasonal-flu-vaccination-programme</u>

If you have any queries please contact the healthcare team on 01775 652144

Yours sincerely,

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If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you complete the consent form, please contact the healthcare team on the above number.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please also complete the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu