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Dear Parents/Carers

Schools Flu Immunisation Programme

We would like to offer your child the opportunity to receive their flu vaccination before the scheduled school date in January.

We encourage you to take up this offer because we know from the latest national information that:

- cases of flu are already being seen in communities
- the estimated peak time for cases of flu will be the New Year, so protection is needed as early as possible
- the main type of flu circulating is one that the vaccine will protect against

Therefore, we want to reduce the risk of spreading flu and protect as many children as possible before Christmas. We are particularly keen to ensure children with long term conditions (such as diabetes and asthma) who are most at risk of developing complications as a result of flu, are immunised.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children with potentially serious complications. We therefore strongly encourage you to book to come along to a clinic before Christmas by calling **0300 555 5055**.

Thank you for taking this opportunity to protect your child from 'flu as early as possible. We know that by protecting the children in your community, the wider public will be protected, including vulnerable groups.

Yours faithfully



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