

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

### Annual flu vaccination

**On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022**, the Children's Immunisation Team will be visiting Heron Hall Academy to administer the Influenza vaccination to students in years 7, 8 and 9.

#### Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccination (Flu Nasal spray)

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications.

Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. **The vaccine is administered as a nasal spray and is completely pain free for your child**

More information: -

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/999276/PHE\\_protecting\\_your\\_child\\_against\\_flu\\_leaflet\\_information\\_for\\_parents.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/999276/PHE_protecting_your_child_against_flu_leaflet_information_for_parents.pdf)

#### Flu vaccination consent

Please complete the online consent form at the following link (using school code **ENF139599**)

<https://www.enfieldhealthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

#### Injection alternative is available

The Flu Nasal spray contains [porcine gelatine](#), however **there is an alternative vaccination available as an injection**. If you prefer this, please select this option on the consent form. The injection will be administered at school, however if you prefer your child to be vaccinated in our clinic, please contact us before Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022.

### Our statutory duty

Public Health England have a duty to protect the public from disease.

This includes providing vaccination services fulfilled by NHS England working with Local Authorities and schools. This duty allows schools to share basic contact information with us so we can monitor who has and who has not had a vaccination.

Whilst **we recommend every child has their vaccination**, we will not do so without the appropriate consent. **You must complete the consent form by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November as it closes 48 hours prior to vaccination date.**

## **Vaccination information and consent forms**

### Flu vaccination

**It is important that you complete the consent form whether you wish your child to receive this vaccine or not.** Our duties extend to potentially contacting anyone who has not completed the consent form to ensure that no child gets missed.

**If you prefer your child not to be vaccinated, please complete the 'no consent' section** and we will no longer contact you to seek consent. **The NHS may contact you prior to the planned immunisation session in the absence of a completed consent form.**

**The school is not responsible for the consent forms.** If you experience any problems accessing the forms, please telephone the Children's Immunisation Nursing Team on 0208 702 3499 and they will be happy to help.

### **Please note**

If no consent is received and if they can demonstrate that they are able to fully understand what is involved in the decision that they are making, your child may also be given the opportunity to legally consent for themselves to have these immunisations

Similarly, if you consent on behalf of your child and they refuse vaccination, it will not be given.

The information provided on the submitted form will be securely held on the child's electronic health record until they are 25 years old.

The NHS Trust collects personal information to ensure that individuals receive appropriate care and treatment and to meet certain statutory obligations. This information is kept, together with details of the care provided, because it may be needed if you require treatment again.

The Trust Privacy Notice provides more information relating to how your information is processed. Please see the following link <http://www.beh-mht.nhs.uk/privacy-notice.htm>

If you have any further questions or queries you can contact the Immunisation Team directly by phone or email, using the contact details at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



CYP Nursing Care Group Manager